

# MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

November 14, 2017

**Trustees in Attendance:** Bob Derrick, Jack Keating, Brad Gimbert, Richard Mason, Lillian Fazio, Felipe Arzayus, Paul Buehler, Rachel Howard & Sean Beaver

**Community Members Present:** Mary Derrick, Vermel Taylor, Gloria Hynes, Tricia Douville, Jean Sorrentino, S.R. Halloran, Melissa Smith and Michelle Gimbert.

President Bob Derrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There was a quorum to conduct business.

### Secretary's Report:

- The minutes of the October 2017 Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Keating made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Trustee Beaver seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio

- Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly statements, which were distributed.
- Of the 18 delinquent accounts that the attorney has sued 14 have paid.
- The attorney has received judgements against two lots and will garnish their bank accounts, one is in foreclosure, one can't be found, one is for sale, one declared bankruptcy but still owes for this past year, one is deceased and two homes appear to be empty.
- WSSC has reread our meters and the reading was slightly lower and MCA paid about \$400 less for the month of October.

### ACC Committee: Jack Keating, Chairperson

- There were several applications that were approved. There was a problem with a homeowner not in compliance with a shed and another neighbor complaining. This is being addressed and hopefully will have a resolution soon.

### Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- The pool has been winterized. Lighthouse will check on everything tomorrow. The volleyball net has been taken down.
- We received a call letting us know that the State has a bond program, a grant for projects that are for improvement of the community. Geraldine Valentino Smith thinks we have a good chance to qualify for this grant. The application is due by the end of November. The Board would have to match 50%. There was a discussion to redo the baby pool or maybe to change the bathrooms to be handicap accessible. Trustee Buehler made a motion to apply for the application and the Board could commit to \$40,000 and ask for \$40,000 for a new baby pool and handicap access to bathrooms and pools. Trustee Keating seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor

- Six families were visited and new list will be provided to continue the visits.

### Communications Committee: Sean Beaver, Chairperson

- The street light survey, to determine if there is interest, has been posted and we have received a few responses and should end by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- Crimes in the Community
  - No reported crimes in the community since 10/10/17. Nearby South Laurel residents experiencing stolen vehicles. Half of the stolen items were taken from unlocked vehicles. Don't leave anything in your vehicle.
- P.G. County District VI Police
  - The recent domestic violence seminar was well attended at MLK Middle School. Command staff will be honoring all police officers at their Thanksgiving Day Dinner at the station on 11/15/17. Citizen's Advisory Council coordinating program. Four residents contributed food and sundry items for dinner. Montpelier Elementary school pupils made over 50 cards and posters that will be displayed at the station.
- There is a vacant house at 12802 Silverbirch Lane – The wooden fence has been partially torn down. Trustee Mason's inspection indicated that the house is secure. Officer Velasquez inspected the house and also determined that the house is secure. The house is owned by a bank and Trustee Mason has been unsuccessful in getting any information from them. The realty company that last paid the Assessment has no record of the property or transaction. Thanks to Mark Middlebusher for watching the property.
- A vehicle accident under the Pepco Power Lines on Mt. Pleasant Drive destroyed two county signs and left a bumper on the right of way. 311 was contacted to have both signs replaced. The bumper will also be removed. Thanks Sean Beaver for reporting this.

### Traffic Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- Muirkirk/Odell/Cedarbrook Intersection: will be completed by the end of December 2017. Police and Councilwoman Mary Lehman helped motivate the county for completion this calendar year.
- Bradford Pear Trees: The program continues with the stump removal in November, December and on until completed.
- Montpelier Drive Improvement Meeting: I met with Unmesh Patel, Construction Manager, on 11/9/17. Contracts are scheduled to be

awarded in early 2018 and construction will begin in late Spring. They estimate that the project will be completed by December 2018. The decision has not been made concerning how to treat the medians. The project PM is working with Gloria Hynes, our resident Master Gardner. The proposal is for two small trees with grass on each median. The county does not have the funds to maintain the trees or grass. Gloria is going to present her suggestions to him. The county will have streetlights installed on all of Montpelier Drive. This is separate from all other possible streetlights in Montpelier.

- **Montpelier Street Lights:** Please vote YES or NO for FREE streetlights in our community. See survey on Page 13 of the November/December Montpelier Today Magazine. Email your vote by 12/1/17 to: [streetlights@montpelieronline.org](mailto:streetlights@montpelieronline.org). Thanks to Trustee Beaver for your assistance in preparing and administering the survey.
- **DO NOT RAKE LEAVES ON TO THE STREET:** Place the leaves in heavy-duty paper bags NOT in plastic bags or in metal/plastic containers for yard waste for pick up every Monday. Message will be sent out via Yahoo group email to community.

Gloria presented her plan for the median strips on Montpelier Drive. There will be eight torpedo shaped islands, Six small and two large. Gloria will request the ends be stamped concrete to look like brick. The tree branches and roots shouldn't block or disrupt the curbs. Trustee Beaver made a motion to accept Gloria's plan as drawn and submit it to the PG County project manager. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson**

- The Holiday Lights contest will be judged on Wednesday, December 20 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Look for emails, the community will be able to go online and vote.
- T. Douville will not be around next summer from the end of June through August. Trustee Howard has agreed to help out with Pizza Night in T. Douville's absence.

**Facilities Committee: Paul Buehler and Brad Gimbert, Co-Chairmen**

- The leak outside the tennis courts has been located and fixed by a combination of Trustees volunteer hours and contractors.
- Marlin fundraiser bricks – Trustee Buehler contacted M&J and they have equipment and know how to install the bricks and they are insured. There are three designs that were voted on and the majority selected the border pattern. A motion was made and seconded to go with M&J as the vendor to install these bricks with the ability to add more at a later date, if it is decided to sell more. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.
- The parking lot has been sealed and restriped and the cracks have been sealed.
- Trustee Mason inquired with the facilities committee about a Scott's fertilizer grant. The 'free' offer was not pursued because these items are very often marketing ploys. It was also noted that if fertilizer is misused, it could cause a danger to the Chesapeake Bay.
- The Route 197 Montpelier Sign beautification has been completed and looks great thanks to Gloria and team. There is a problem with the solar lights dimming as the headlights of cars hit them so another type of light is being explored. Trustee Buehler is looking into power washing the sign to clean it up and will take care of getting this done.

**Tennis Report: Lillian Fazio, Chairperson**

- No report.

**New Business:**

- Gloria has been given 500 daffodil bulbs to be planted and is looking for volunteers to plant them along Cedarbrook Saturday morning at 9:00 am at the common grounds. Please bring your own shovel. Several of the Trustees and members in attendance indicated they would plan to help.
- Nominations for Secretary – Trustee Fazio nominated Trustee Howard for Board Secretary, Trustee Howard agreed and it was seconded and passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM** at Deerfield Run Community Center, preschool room. Trustee Beaver made a motion to adjourn at 8:48pm and was seconded by Trustee Gimbert. The motion passed unanimously.