

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

March 12, 2013

Trustees in Attendance: Paul Buehler, Bob Derrick, Patricia Douville, Lillian Fazio, Brad Gimbert, Tim Jacobs, Jack Keating, Richard Mason, and Jean Sorrentino.

Trustees Absent with Cause: None.

Community Members Present: Michael Boddie, Laslo Boesze, Mary and Matthew Derrick, John and Daryl Doane, Rich Fazio, Tony Fleming, Gabbriel Frigm and Pedro Medina, Susan Habig, Rilla Potter and Mary Hughes.

President B. Derrick called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There was a quorum to conduct business.

Secretary's Report: Tricia Douville

- The minutes of the February 2013 board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Douville made a motion to accept the amended minutes. Trustee Keating seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio

- Trustee Fazio distributed the monthly statements.
- One Gypsy Moth CD is maturing soon. A community member recommended that the fund be maintained for similar uses in the future, even if it is not specifically for gypsy moth infestation.
- \$2,275 has been donated for the Morris Fund. Assessments are coming in and three delinquent assessments were recently collected.
- A long term delinquent's house is going to auction on March 19.

ACCC: Michael Boddie, Chairperson

April 1 trailers, boats may be brought out of storage.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

No report.

Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson

- The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 23.
- Getting a projector for Flick and Floats was discussed. Trustee Gimbert offered to help with this.
- A 5 K is being planned for August. It would be nice to ask the police to be involved. Trustee Mason will contact them.

Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- Trustee Mason discussed a phone scam asking for money to get a family member out of jail.
- Trustee Mason has signed up for a 12 week course with the police department.
- M. Fowler is sending Trustee Mason a letter about the process for traffic calming on Montpelier Drive. Trustee Mason will have to send a letter to the MNCPPC and then get 60 percent of residents of Montpelier Drive to approve the traffic calming devices proposed for Montpelier Drive.
- Cars were broken into on Eastbourne Lane and Golden Pass. Police were not notified, but Trustee Mason asked residents to make a report so that the police are informed of the activity.

Tennis Committee: Lillian Fazio, Chairperson

Trustee Fazio reported that the crack repairs will be made this spring.

Welcoming Committee: Rilla Potter, Chairperson

- Ms. Potter has six people interested in joining her committee. Emily Mason, Peter Brown, Jean Sorrentino, Trish Douville, Pauline Pettitt, and Gloria Hynes. Tony Fleming also volunteered.
- Ms. Potter also prefers to call the new owners to arrange a convenient time to stop by.
- Renters can also be included in the welcoming.

Facilities Committee: Paul Buehler, Chairperson

- Improvements suggested: Pool parking lot, concrete at the pool “lounge”, new car stops, new speed bumps, new sidewalk, new bike rack, repoint pump house, new sidewalk next to the tennis courts, rebuild planters in the parking lot, new ceramic tile with drainage in the bathrooms, some new sod and grass seed.
- Four companies were consulted and the parking lot does not have to be milled. A two-four inch top coat is recommended. The proposals were reviewed and the Facilities Committee recommended JLN to do the work. Trustee Buehler made a motion to approve the project using JLN, and not to exceed \$120,000. Trustee Douville seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Trustee Jacobs noted that the “No Soliciting” sign was knocked down. Trustee Keating has the sign and will post it.

Communications Committee: Tony Fleming, Chairperson

- Mr. Fleming reported that the Montpelier Facebook page has 129 “likes” and he asked the board to provide content.
- A new contract was negotiated and is about half the price that was being paid. He encouraged board members to contribute content and photos.
- One of the moderators, Paul Katz, is in the hospital, but still moderating when possible.
- Mr. Fleming distributed a copy of the monthly disclaimer for the list serv and C. Fougnie, list serv owner, agreed to post it. Trustee Mason made a motion to request that the disclaimer be posted monthly on the list serv. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. C. Fougnie is reviewing the memorandum of understanding

OLD BUSINESS

- The Board has studied the documents presented by neighbors (Doane and Habig) and the owners (Medina/Frigm) of 12502 Raven Way. The ACCC held that the owners of 12502 Raven Way are in compliance with the covenants with regard to the installation of a six foot fence on their property. Trustee Buehler made a motion to uphold the decision of the ACCC. Trustee Douville seconded the motion. Dr. D. Doane spoke for ten, uninterrupted minutes, on their appeal: 1) relative to the governing documents, the ACCC’s decision to grant an exception for a six foot fence was an injustice to neighbors, Doane and Habig; 2) 8745 Oxwell Lane is close to 12502 Raven Way and the fence defines the view from 38% of their home; 3) they never saw the plat which outlines the fence so that they could have applied for an exception; 4) they did not know of the ACCC meeting of November 2011 at which they fence was discussed. Ms. Habig was also given ten, uninterrupted minutes to speak. She read her observations of alterations to the fence on February 23, 2013: 1) Mr. Medina lowered panels so that no part is higher than six feet and the fence looks worse than it did before; 2) Ms. Frigm trespassed on her property and dug a trench to drain the water from their yard. Ms. Frigm was given ten, uninterrupted minutes to speak. She said that they provided information to the ACCC and the Board and installed the exact fence as proposed. She agreed that the fence does now look worse after the 2/23/13 alterations, but the county received a complaint that portions of the fence were over six feet from the ground (due to space left for “swales” for drainage) so they made the changes the next day. She said that she did dig out the swale as it is supposed to drain water across their properties and then into the woods, but did not enter Ms. Habig’s property. Trustee Derrick presented a timeline of action on the installation of the six foot fence, from October 2011 to February 2013. Board members asked several questions. The Board voted to uphold the decision of the ACCC. (Voting yes - Trustees Buehler, Douville, Gimbert, Mason, Sorrentino. Trustee Keating abstained as he is a member of the ACCC.)
- Trustee Buehler has the rules for the sponsored swim team program, but needs to write it out.
- A new person is needed for emptying the trash cans. The contract will be written and a path outlined. It takes about an hour to complete.
- The playground equipment is tabled for now with all the other projects in the works.
- The Shoupe’s should be thanked for their service in locking and unlocking the gates and fences every day. They will also be notified about the repaving project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Derrick received a notice of WSSC Storm Drain Repairs for Oxwell Lane. The notice will be put on the web site.

The next board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 7:00 PM** at Deerfield Recreation Center, preschool room. The motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:02 pm. The motion passed unanimously.