

# MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

July 8, 2014

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

**Trustees Absent with Cause:** Tim Jacobs.

**Community Members Present:** Tony Fleming, Mary Derrick, Paul Sorrentino and Mary Hughes.

President Bob Derrick called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. There was a quorum to conduct business.

### **Secretary's Report: Tricia Douville**

- The minutes of the May 2014 Board meeting were reviewed at this meeting because there was not a quorum at the June gathering. Trustee Keating made a motion to accept the minutes. Trustee Douville seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, September 28, 2014 at 2 pm at the pool.

### **Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio**

- Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly statements which were distributed.
- Trustee Fazio reported that a long term delinquent may offer a settlement.
- \$21,900 is still outstanding in delinquent assessments.
- Trustee Keating asked if any delinquent amounts had been written off. There was one write-off and a settlement which needs to be noted in the financials.

### **ACCC: Michael Boddie, Chairperson**

No report because the meeting was moved from 4<sup>th</sup> of July to Thursday of this week.

### **Communications: Tony Fleming, Chairperson**

- Mr. Fleming reported that the Montpelier 'Facebook' page has 194 participants and if that was only Members and only one per household it would equate to almost a quarter of our neighborhood.
- 'Nextdoor' is growing and operating well without moderation. Trustee Douville is using it for social events.
- The website is on auto-renew and will renew in February for another 2 years. There are no budget requirements and he recommended that the money be given to another budget and the committee dissolved. The Board can vote to retire the chairmanship or just not renew the position once they are seated.
- Charmane Rucker and Tim Jacobs are the owners/moderators of the yahoo list serv.

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

- Trustee Buehler is looking at canopies and shade structures. He recommended a model that costs \$8500 plus installation, but he asked for guidance from the Board before getting more quotes. The Board discussed how much use it would get especially when the sand wasps emerge in late July. Another concern was how many hours a day would the area actually be in shade and whether a structure would be better at the baby pool and the cantilever umbrellas placed at the volleyball courts. Would trees be a better investment for shade? Trustee Keating recommended that he look at and price some alternatives.
- Trustee Buehler found that a screen/fence for the dumpster would cost \$4800. Trustee Buehler made a motion to see if the Board desired to continue seeking bids for a decorative, dumpster fence to consider at a future date. Trustee Gimbert seconded the motion and it passed with Trustees Buehler, Gimbert, Keating, Mason and Sorrentino voting yes and Trustees Fazio and Douville voting no.

### **Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson**

- Ms. Derrick reported that every inch of the pool has been in use over the past few weeks. The pavilion has been used for pizza night, ice cream socials, social events, and private parties. Several hundred more guest passes have been purchased this year compared with the same time last year.
- Ms. Derrick would like to order more stackable chairs and tables. There is a \$5,000 budget for furniture and the Board does not need to approve anything within that budgeted amount. Trustee Keating recommended that she

compare the gauge of the aluminum and the strap thickness on the chairs when deciding which ones to purchase. The current blue and white striped chairs have held up well.

- Ms. Derrick reported that there are a lot of 4 and 5 year olds in the big pool and many are passing the swim test. There have also been some large, and some unscheduled, parties at the pool. She asked the Board whether the age for free guest use should be under four years old and if there should be a limit on the number of guests a member can bring in at one time. The Board discussed the issue and their duty is to ensure that the pool and facilities be available to the Members. Trustee Buehler made a motion, effective immediately, that any guest, age 4 and above, is required to have a guest pass to enter. Trustee Douville seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Ms. Derrick asked if she could pay someone (\$10 an hour) to remove the weeds around the pool area. The Board approved her request to hire someone for this type of clean up.

**Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson**

- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pot Luck was a big success and the Labor Day Pot Luck will be Saturday, August 30.
- The 5K Race/Walk and Fun Run is scheduled for Saturday, September 6.
- The Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 25.

**Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson**

- Trustee Mason reported that one, unlocked car was broken into and one bike was stolen from the parking lot.
- There are plans to install 2 additional streetlights on Pleasant Court in September. These were requested by a resident several years ago after several crimes in the area.
- Annual Night Out hosted by the Prince George's County Police will be Tuesday, August 5.
- Cmdr. Lloyd invited Trustee Derrick to attend the next Citizen's Police Academy.
- Officer Wilson would like to meet with the 5K organizers before the event.

**Tennis Committee: Lillian Fazio, Chairperson**

- No report.

**Welcoming Committee: Gloria Hynes, Chairperson**

- Trustee Fazio reported that Ms. Hynes has had no response from the post cards sent to new neighbors asking if they would like a welcoming visit. Trustee Derrick asked if there might be volunteers willing to drop off a cake or cookies for new neighbors rather than trying to arrange a formal visit. No one knew of anyone.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Ms. Hynes is waiting for information from Behnke's when the pink and white dogwoods will be available for planting along the foot path.
- The new playground equipment was discussed. Trustee Keating made a motion to purchase one "sidewinder," one "stand and spin," one "periwinkle" (see saw), and one "angry bird" bouncer, including installation, for approximately \$13,700. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Trustee Buehler made a motion to purchase two, 2,000 lb. bags of black, shredded tire ground cover for the playground. Trustee Gimbert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Marlins Swim Team has a home meet on July 12. Come cheer the team on to victory.
- Divisionals and the Swim Team banquet will be held July 19 at the pool. Pool will still be available to the Members.
- Trustee Mason reported that Ms. Hynes would like to ask the Bradford Pear Tree Replacement Program representative, Ms. Valentine, to attend the annual meeting.
- Trustees Douville suggested that a tetherball be added to the volleyball area if there is enough room.

The next Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 7:00 PM** at Deerfield Recreation Center, preschool room. The motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:25 pm. The motion passed unanimously.