

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

August 11, 2015

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

Trustees Absent with Cause: Paul Buehler and Patricia Douville.

Community Members Present: Sean Beaver, Michael Boddie, Mary Derrick, Mark Middlebusher, Vermel Taylor, and Mary Hughes.

President Bob Derrick called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. There was a quorum to conduct business.

Secretary's Report: Tricia Douville (absent)

- The minutes of the July 2015 board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Jacobs made a motion to accept the minutes. Trustee Mason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- We have nine nominations for the next election of trustees.

Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio

- Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly statements, which were distributed.
- Ten assessments, plus two partial assessments, remain unpaid. Long term debt is \$12,529.
- Federal and state taxes were filed (\$0 was due). The county property taxes will be paid next week (\$766 and \$252).

ACCC Committee: Michael Boddie, Chairperson

- Mr. Boddie reported that the ACCC recently became aware that the owner of a house which had been cited for covenant violations was deceased. The ACCC contacted the Personal Representative and the issue will be resolved.
- A homeowner suggested that residents be encouraged to report covenant issues to the ACCC to investigate. An announcement will be posted in the next newsletter.

Communications Committee: Sean Beaver, Chairperson

- Mr. Beaver has a new directory of vendors ready for review.
- Updating the website design is being researched.

Facilities Committee: Paul Buehler (absent) and Brad Gimbert, Co-Chairs

- Trustee Gimbert reported that the third canopy has been installed and looks great. We still have the two smaller ones available if there is a desire to install them.
- The infield dragging is being coordinated with a friend who owns a tractor.
- The sign on the dumpster appears to be working.
- It was reported that cans of paint were thrown into the dumpster and one of the cans opened, spilling onto the asphalt. The homeowner attempted to clean it up, but there is still a stain.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- Ms. Derrick reported that the shower tower was fixed, a new chlorinator was installed and a step on one of the ladders was fixed.
- The pool operations are going well. The last day of the pool season is Sunday, September 13.
- Saturday, September 19 is Dog Swim Day (12-5 PM).

Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson (absent)

- 5K will be Saturday, September 5. The signs are back up and Mr. Middlebusher thanked Mr. Beaver for adding online-registration. The race will be professionally timed. Volunteers are needed and there will be a meeting of volunteers the evening before the race.
- The Labor Day Potluck will be Saturday, September 5 at 5:30 pm.
- The Fall Festival date needs to be confirmed, but will probably be October 24th.
- A suggestion was made to sell T shirts for the 5 K next year to promote the community. Mr. Middlebusher said they were sold last year and it significantly added to participation cost and organizer's workload, but they will consider it for future 5K's.

Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- Solicitation in the neighborhood continues to be a nuisance. Residents should tell solicitors to leave and if they do not, call 911.
- There was a recent theft of an iphone and ipad at the pool.
- The National Night Out was successful. Trustee Mason thanked Mark Middlebusher, Nancy Stakem, and Bob Derrick for helping.
- Several announcements went out on the email lists and they will be printed in the newsletter.
- Trustee Mason has asked the Beltsville Cops unit to monitor the announcements which are put on the Montpelier Nextdoor email list. He wants them to be relevant to District VI residents.
- Candidates for the next Citizen's Police Academy are sought. Montpelier has seven graduates.
- Homeowners should be aware of another telephone scam in which the caller claims to be from the Sheriff's office with an offer to help you avoid arrest by paying a fine. Sheriff's office would never request any such thing, ever, for any reason.

Tennis Committee: Lillian Fazio, Chairperson

Trustee Fazio reported that the courts are moldy. They could be pressure washed for \$1,800. She will check with tennis court companies to see if pressure washing the courts is recommended.

Traffic Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- The Residential Permit Parking Program Meeting for the Mt. Pleasant and adjacent areas will be August 17, 2015 at Deerfield. Invitations to residents in the affected areas have been mailed.
- Trustee Mason was told once again that the County has no money for street repairs until 9/2016. Eastgate is number one on the list of streets to be repaired.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Trustee Derrick made a motion to hold the Annual Member's Meeting on Sunday, September 27 at 2 pm at the pool. Trustee Fazio seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Trustee Fazio asked board members to try to get more residents involved in the community's affairs. She expressed concern that there will not be anyone willing to become a board member when current trustees decide not to serve or move out of the community. It might become necessary to engage a management company, or even dissolve the association and the assets, in the future as fewer and fewer people are willing to step up for committees or the board.
- Trustee Keating reported that M. Collman offered some changes to his Eagle Scout project: (1) Rather than carving names directly into the dedicated benches, he proposed attaching engraved plaques to the benches, and (2) installing a square picnic table rather than long, rectangular table. The board agreed that the square table would fit in the available space better, but expressed concern that plaques could be pried off or vandalized easily.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The storage rooms at the pool need to be organized, painted and cleaned out. Mr. Paul Collman suggested a Volunteer Day this fall. Lighthouse will have to be asked to hold off storing pool items until after the Volunteer Day.
- Trustee Derrick asked that 5K organizers use chalk, rather than paint, for marking the race route.
- Trustee Fazio attended a meeting regarding the announcement that Laurel Hospital will be closed. The local politicians had no warning that this was happening and residents are upset. She urged the community to contact our representatives and the governor if they are concerned.
- Trustee Keating can get as much milling material as we need to repair the common grounds trail. We would have to spread and compact it ourselves. Trustee Gimbert will see if he can use the tractor for dragging the infield for this project as well.

The next board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:00 PM** at Deerfield Recreation Center, preschool room. The motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:22 pm. The motion passed unanimously.