

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

September 8, 2015

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

Trustees Absent with Cause: Brad Gimbert, Tim Jacobs.

Community Members Present: Sean Beaver, Lynne Collman, Matthew Collman, Mary Derrick, Dr. Daryl Doane, Dr. John Doane, Carolyn Campbell Flowe, Michael Flowe, Mark Middlebush, Vermel Taylor, and Mary Hughes.

President Bob Derrick called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. There was a quorum to conduct business.

Secretary's Report: Tricia Douville

- The minutes of the August 2015 board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Sorrentino made a motion to accept the minutes. Trustee Douville seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio

- Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly statements, which were distributed.
- The MCA lawyer filed seven notices of intent to file a lien and one garnishment. Two of the 7 paid.
- Unpaid assessments for this year total \$3,186. Long term unpaid assessments total \$14,207.

ACCC Committee: Michael Boddie, Chairperson (absent)

- The ACCC investigated a complaint regarding traffic caused by food distribution truck in the neighborhood. Mr. Beaver reported that from March-November, approximately every 5 weeks, pre-ordered foods from an organic farm in Virginia are transported to various sites in the area to be picked up at a specified time (less than one hour). As the service benefits some of the residents of Montpelier, but created a traffic nuisance to others, the Board agreed that the pool parking lot could be used as the designated distribution point. Mr. Beaver to suggest this to the homeowner.

Communications Committee: Sean Beaver, Chairperson

- Since there continues to be interest sharing recommended vendors with the community, Mr. Beaver suggested that a rating system be purchased for the new directory of vendors on the website. That way those seeking recommendations will have something to go on rather than just a list that is not actively maintained. The cost is \$60 initially and \$15 a year maintenance. Trustee Keating made a motion to try it for a year and then re-evaluate if we want to continue it next year. Trustee Fazio seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

- Trustee Buehler reported that Trustee Gimbert is still trying to get the tractor to remove the grass from the clay infield.
- The capping on the parking lot planters is not holding up and should be removed. Trustee Keating suggested removing it and using a 2 x 6 for capping so that there is no overhang.
- The MCA has two extra canopies if the board would like to install them in another area.
- The Board voted to remove the dumpster between November to March. Trustee Fazio was asked to ask if when they bring one back in March if we would get one equivalent to the brand new one that we just paid to have replaced.
- Trustee Keating will call about getting the lights fixed at the pool parking lot and playground.
- Calvin Heidel is now doing the weekly trash pick-up. Trustee Buehler will give him the scope of work.
- Trustee Fazio reported that the doors to the tennis courts need to be fixed or replaced. Trustee Keating will contact Abbey Fritz. The outside locking levers of the basketball court also needs to be replaced.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- Ms. Derrick reported that the pool is open for 5 more days (last day is Sunday, September 13) and the following Saturday (September 19) is Dog Day.
- Trustee Douville will get some signs made for Dog Day. Signs by Anita was recommended.

Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson

- The 5K Run was a great success and Mr. Middlebush thanked the Board for their support. 132 registered and 118 finished. Trustee Derrick thought that adding additional categories was a nice way to recognize more runners. As

“food for thought” for next year, Mr. Middlebush thought that something should be given to the volunteers and the entry fee should be increased for “day-of” registrations. Trustee Buehler suggested that prizes be reserved for residents only.

- The Fall Festival is Saturday, October 24th from 2-4 pm.

Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- Trustee Mason reported that there was a theft from a vehicle in the 8800 block of Royal Ridge on August 25.
- Reports of cars parked at night along the power lines on Mt. Pleasant are being monitored and the police have been alerted.
- We have one Montpelier resident enrolled in the next Citizen’s Police Academy. Montpelier has seven graduates.
- The District VI police are sponsoring “Back to School Basketball Barbecue” on 9/11/15.
- The vacant property on Graystone Lane is being cleaned and prepared for sale. Trustee Mason asked the Administrative Assistant for a new list of vacant properties for the local police.
- Councilwoman Mary Lehman, District VI Assistant Commander-Capt. David Parker and COPS Officer-Cpl. Wilson will attend the Annual Meeting.
- Thank you to Cpl. Wilson and Cpl. Smith for traffic control at the 5K Run. Trustee Mason has suggestions for improvements if a 2016 5K Run is planned.

Tennis Committee: Lillian Fazio, Chairperson

Trustee Fazio has not been able to research power washing for the tennis courts this month but she will.

Traffic Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- The Residential Permit Parking Program was approved for the end of Mt. Pleasant and adjacent areas at the August 17 County sponsored meeting at Deerfield Community Center. Signs will be installed and there will be a short grace period before tickets (\$50) are issued. Parking is restricted from 6 pm to 7 am unless you have registered online for a permit.
- The trees along the power lines on Cedarbrook and Mt. Pleasant were watered and mulched thanks to Bob Derrick and Tim O’Neill. Trustee Mason was assured by the Department of Public Works that the county will replace any dead trees if Pepco refuses to replace them.
- WSSC has agreed to roll the loose macadam in the areas affected by the pipe replacement project. They are also removing the old pipe stored on their property in the neighborhood.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Annual Member’s Meeting will be Sunday, September 27 at 2 pm, rain or shine, at the pool.
- Dr. D. Doane made some comments related “to the fence litigation pertaining to the MCA and to the fence owner” which appeared in the June 9th ACCC report in the last newsletter. She felt that the report was “false and misleading” whether the litigation was continuing on appeal. The board acknowledged that the litigation is on appeal. She also noted that “ACCC” should not be used with the word “committee” after it. The board agreed.
- Mr. M. Collman explained some changes to his Eagle Scout project. The board agreed that a square table would fit in the available space better, but expressed concern that plaques on the benches, although cheaper than engraving, would be vandalized easily. The board suggested that he conduct his fundraisers and then come back to the board to discuss financing the engraving. He had hoped to begin in November, but it is more likely to be March 2016.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Welcoming Committee is active again thanks to Carolyn Campbell, Vermel Taylor and Becky Shearin. They visited new homeowners, brought them dessert and answered questions.
- Trustee Sorrentino asked about the Gypsy Moth Fund and was assured that it was in an interest bearing account and available if needed at any time.
- The ACCC discussed the Benevolent Fund and will make recommendations to the board if they are aware of homeowners having problems with their Montpelier homes. The protocols will be reviewed.

The next board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM** at Deerfield Recreation Center, preschool room. The motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:32 pm. The motion passed unanimously.