

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

December 13, 2016

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

Trustees Absent with Cause: Tim Jacobs

Community Members Present: Mary Derrick, Sean Beaver, Laszlo, Boeze and Michelle Gimbert.

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 November 2016 board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Fazio made a motion to accept the minutes and Trustee Sorrentino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- M. Gimbert distributed a list of new community members to the Board as a starting point for the Welcoming Cmty.

Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio

- Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly statements, which were distributed.
- 9314 Montpelier – the house did not go to auction, the homeowner paid whatever amount was necessary to keep the home from going to auction. Trustee Fazio will continue to work with the attorney on the collection of fees owed from this homeowner.
- Trustee Fazio met with the accountant to discuss ways to improve the efficiency of the Treasurers job.
- Review of 2017 Budget
 - President Derrick asked for suggestions of any adjustments that need to be made to the proposed budget:
 - Trustee Buehler suggested adding an additional \$1000 to the Social Budget making it \$6000.
 - M. Derrick was asked about the pool budget and she agreed the allotted amount should be sufficient.
 - Trustee Mason made a motion to leave the annual dues the same. Trustee Gimbert seconded the motion and, after some discussion over the high cost of maintaining the Community, it passed unanimously.
 - Trustee Fazio made a motion to approve the budget as amended with the addition of \$1000 to the Social Committee Budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gimbert and passed unanimously.

ACC Committee: Jack Keating, Chairperson

- The ACCC met on their regularly scheduled 1st Thursday of the month, and had a short meeting. There were a few violations and a few requests for fences and sheds. All in all, everything is looking good.

Communications Committee: Sean Beaver, Chairperson

- Chairperson Beaver has reached out again to the community looking for more information for a 50th anniversary DVD or booklet. The response has not been great. Due to insufficient contributions the information and pictures collected can be put out on the website and in the bi-monthly newsletters.
- A suggestion was made that we could recognize the 50th anniversary at one of the parties at the pool this summer.
- Trustee Buehler said he is planning a 50th anniversary swim team party to include former Montpelier Marlin swimmers.

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

- For the second year in a row the dumpster has been secured for the winter as a money saving effort. Also, like last year, the service provider is unable to handle invoicing changes but the issues will be handled by Trustee Gimbert.
- Trustee Gimbert is still doing research on exercise equipment for the Common Grounds. He will bring more information to the next meeting.
- The LED lights and security cameras are up and working around the common grounds.
- Trustee Mason will check to see if there is a rule requiring signage for areas under surveillance. Trustee Buehler said that the cameras must be turned off during swim meets.
- The path around the pool was discussed as far as additional improvements after the new millings were applied. Trustee Keating said he received quotes between \$15,000 and \$20,000 for improving the path.
- Trustee Buehler spoke with C. Heidel on the requirements for cleanup of the common grounds. He was provided a key so he can place trash in the dumpster. The trash bags will be provided by Trustee Gimbert.
- There have been a group of soccer players at the field quite a bit and they are leaving a lot of trash behind. This will be monitored.

Tennis Report: Lillian Fazio, Chairperson

- Trustee Fazio filled the cracks on the tennis courts and repaired the rear of courts 3 and 4.
- Mid Atlantic Asphalt came and looked at the courts and estimated the further repairs at \$3468 and advised that we should wait until Spring to do additional repairs.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- Nothing to report

Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- Crimes in the community:
 - There was a theft at the 8900 block of Eastbourne Lane on 11/22/16 @9:50am. No report was provided by the resident or the police.
 - There was a report of an open window at an empty residence on 12/05/16 and Cpl. Woody & Officer Castro inspected and found no intruders.
- P.G. County Police, District IV and the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
 - Holiday safe shopping tips were emailed to the community.
 - A meeting with Sgt. Erica Erwin, New COPS Supervisor. The purpose was to improve communications and assign COPS officer to Montpelier (the Charlie 3 Sector).
 - Montpelier resident Paula Rojas, graduated from the P.G. County Citizens Police Academy on 12/12/16.
 - Officer Castro performed random patrol on Montpelier Drive on a Monday and a Friday during morning commuter time. 12 tickets were issued with 9 tickets given to Montpelier residents.
 - The tour of the 911 Call Center in Bowie was postponed while Homeland Security moves the center temporarily to Landover while their phone system is totally upgraded.

Traffic Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- Montpelier Drive paving south lanes from Route 197 to Cedarbrook was postponed. WSSC could not get approval from PGDPW&T to do it before winter.
- Mark Middlebusher arranged via "Check 311" to have six discarded ladders at the end of Mount Pleasant removed.
- Gloria Hynes continue to supervise removal of selected Bradford Pear Trees next spring and summer starting with Gramercy, Granite & Graystone as well as part of Oxwell, Ivory Pass, maybe Crystal Rock and Crestmont. Approximately 200 trees will be removed and replaced.
- Wayne Lucas from the County says trees under the power lines won't be replaced until Spring. Lack of funds are the reason for the delay.
- The Traffic Cmty requested a survey from P.G. County to determine if the community needs streetlights. It will take up to 90 days for review and decision. The County installs lights and BG & E maintains them.
- There is an ongoing effort to get the County to repair the drainage outlets on Montpelier Drive.
- The Muirkirk/Odell/Cedarbrook new intersection is in the final bidding stage. Construction is scheduled to start in early Spring 2017 with final completion in late Fall of 2017. Trustee Mason will stay in touch with the construction manager.

Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson

- Holiday Lights Judging will be Saturday, December 17th from 6 – 8 pm. The judges will provide pictures for the next newsletter and put them on the *montpelieronline.com* web site.
- Christmas Caroling will be held on Sunday, December 18th from 6 – 8 pm. There has not yet been a great response from those interested in having the carolers visit.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Eagle Scout Project to install table and benches around the common grounds has been completed. There have been many positive responses about the new benches and table- Great Job!

NEW BUSINESS:

- Board Members and Committee Members need to develop succession plans for their own replacements. Each Trustee should help find a replacement before they make plans to 'retire'.

The next board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 10, 2016 at 7:00 PM** at Deerfield Run Community Center, preschool room. Trustee Gimbert made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm and was seconded by Trustee Sorrentino. The motion passed unanimously.