

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

April 11, 2017

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

Trustees Absence: Tim Jacobs and Paul Buehler

Community Members Present: Sean Beaver, Gloria Hynes, Elser Herrera, Brindisi Chan 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 February 2017 board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Keating made a motion to accept the minutes and Trustee Mason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio

- Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly statements, which were distributed.
- 573 Assessments have been received as of 04/11/17 totaling \$180,495.00
- \$50,000 was transferred to Cap One360 savings account on 3/23/17 in order to take advantage of a higher interest rates.
- Lot#1 accepted terms set up by agreement and made a \$315 payment.

ACC Committee: Jack Keating, Chairperson

- ACCC had a meeting on 04/06/17. There were a few violations and a couple of new items. There was a request for solar panels and another for an addition to a home on Shadetree.

Communications Committee: Sean Beaver, Chairperson

- Working on the 50th Anniversary of the neighborhood items and events.
- Designing a matching website
- More information will be posted on the website for community events.
- Differences of NextDoor and Yahoo Groups will be addressed online to address the recent inquiries. It will be noted that neither of these forums are associated with the Board of Trustees for the Montpelier Community Association.
- Next newsletter will focus more on the Swim Team and the 50th anniversary swim team alumni party.

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

- Bids regarding the tennis courts need to be discussed with Trustee Fazio. There are multiple options from two different companies.
- Upcoming expenses will include a pool cover (approximately \$17,700). Lighthouse will get us a quote on a cover as well.
- White Coat for pool – TBD, but last year we had a couple of quotes in the \$130K range.
- Exercise Equipment \$11,000 for 2 pieces
 \$ 3,000 for installation
 \$14,000
- Trustee Gimbert made a motion to purchase 2 pieces of exercise equipment for the common grounds. The cost will be \$14,000 for equipment and installation. Trustee Keating seconded the motion. There was one yes vote, three no votes and three abstained. Motion failed.
- There has been a request for lockers at the pool. Maybe they could be placed on either side of the swim record boards. Research will be done to determine cost.
- The loose wire on the top of the back fence will be fixed soon.

Tennis Report: Lillian Fazio, Chairperson

- No report

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- The cover is off and there is a lot of algae. The pool will be drained for though cleaning. A dry walk through will occur as early as tomorrow to inspect the bottom of the pool and release it to be refilled.

Welcoming Committee: Carolyn Campbell

- We need to try and recruit more volunteers. Trustee Douville may be interested.

Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- No reported crimes since 3/14/17 MCA Board Meeting.
- Topics discussed with Officer Velasquez at the 3/19/17 security meeting.
 - Possibly more radar to catch speeding on Montpelier Drive and Cedarbrook Lane.
 - Non-residents using common grounds for soccer, etc...
 - Invitation was extended to our COPs Officer for the Memorial Day festivities at the pool.
 - PFC Velasquez has West Laurel and the South Laurel (C4) areas as the Community Outreach Policeman.
 - Will ask him about "Walking with COPS".
 - Discussed 911. Police still recommend calling 911. Non-emergency is slow to answer and respond.
 - Email is best way to reach PFC Velasquez. mjvelasquez@co.pg.md.us He presently works Tuesday through Friday but these times are subject to change.
 - Domestic Violence is the focus topic in April. Police are sponsoring a Domestic Violence Seminar on 5/17/17 at the Laurel Senior Center. Group emails will be sent to the community.
 - Brindisi is reaching out to Detectives Elser and Tinsley for updated information on the five car windows that were broken in the community.
- PG Police district VI Citizens Advisory Council (CAC)
 - Prince Trail is set for 9 am on 4/27/17 in Upper Marlboro. Brindisi is coordinating Montpelier residents who can go to the trial. She will send a group email for participation.
 - CAC is planning for community wide speakers for meaningful topics. We have submitted ten ideas to CAC.
 - PFC Velasquez is spending one hour a day looking for large trucks cutting through the community. We have asked community residents to report specific instances of this illegal activity.
 - Police are also looking for aggressive driving on Montpelier Drive and Cedarbrook Lane.
- Solicitation in Montpelier
 - Many complaints by residents concerning solicitation. The Security Committee was asked to write a letter to Jehovah's Witnesses since they are very active in our community. It is suggested that you put a "Do Not Disturb" note on your door and don't answer the door if you don't recognize the person. Call 911 if they do not leave.
- Suspicious Activity
 - Unmarked police cars patrolling on Montpelier Drive stopped a car and the driver ran. The officer caught him. There was no evidence of criminal activity. It is suggested that you "Know your neighbors" and continually watch out for them. "It is good to be a nosy neighbor."

Traffic Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- Montpelier Drive – WSSC will repave Montpelier Drive curb to curb from Route 197 to Cedarbrook Lane this Spring. They are required to do this per their permit and contract with PGCDPW&T.
- Montpelier Drive Project – PGCDPW&T has selected Plan 5 (alternate) for the project. This plan has parking on both sides, a bike lane on each side, a 10 foot median with intermittent spaces for residents. They will be planning, bidding and providing education on this. Construction is planned for Spring 2018.
- Street Lights – The committee is in the planning process to investigate the free installation of streetlights. Electricity will also be free. A picture was provided of the 10 foot high colonial lights. Discussion was requested on how to proceed.
- BG&E Transformer Replacement – Contractors are working on specific areas of Silverbirch and Mount Pleasant to replace old transformers. All nearby residents have been notified of this work.
- Muirkirk/Cedarbrook Intersection – Project has been temporarily delayed. Updated to come.

Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson

- The annual Community Yard sale will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 8 am until 12 noon.
 - We will bring in a large dumpster on Friday and have it removed on Monday.
 - Green Drop can come at the end of the yard sale between 12 and 2 pm at the pool parking lot.
- The Easter Egg Hunt was a success. The weather was good and there were approximately 40 participants.
- The Memorial Day Potluck will be on Monday, May 29th starting at 5:30pm at the pool.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Gloria Hynes introduced a fairly new neighbor Elser Herrera. He is a supervisor at Brickman Landscaping. He is interested in landscaping the area around the Montpelier Entrance sign at no charge to the community. He and Gloria are in the planning phases and will put the plants in in the fall. The Board would need to approve the expense of the plants which should be approximately \$200-\$300. They are also hoping that the Board will install some type of spotlights on the sign.
- The dumpster has now reopened for the summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The County Spray application for mosquitos is due on April 14th. The County will do surveying and spraying for \$1,600.00. After some discussion it was agreed to do the larvicide treatments.
- M&J has given us a proposal to bring the softball field into proper condition and to maintain the field. The project estimate was reviewed and discussed. Trustee Gimbert made a motion to accept M&J's proposal. The motion was seconded by Trustee Douville and passed unanimously.
- Trustee Douville would like to set up recycling at the pool. Requesting approval to purchase two or three recycling containers. She will talk with neighbors close to the pool and get permission to place the containers at the end of the driveway on pick up days. Trustee Douville made a motion to purchase three or four recycling containers. Trustee Keating seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Trustee Keating would like to donate a board to place at the pool to put in Community information to keep all updated. Location to be determined.

The next board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM** at Deerfield Run Community Center, preschool room. Trustee Keating made a motion to adjourn at 8:57pm and was seconded by Trustee Gimbert. The motion passed unanimously.