

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

September 12, 2017

Trustees in Attendance: Jack Keating, Brad Gimbert, Richard Mason, Lillian Fazio, Jean Sorrentino, Tim Jacobs & Tricia Douville

Trustees Absence: Bob Derrick and Paul Buehler

Community Members Present: Mary Derrick, Rilla Potter and Michelle Gimbert.

Vice President Richard Keating called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There was a quorum to conduct business. Trustee Keating thanked all the Board Members for their past year of service.

Secretary's Report: Tricia Douville

- The minutes of the August 2017 board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Fazio made a motion to accept the minutes as is and Trustee Sorrentino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio

- Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly statements which were distributed.
- There are 28 current assessments outstanding from this year.
- Our Attorney has filed suit against eighteen delinquents.
- Tracer has service five delinquents.
- Five others have a court date set for October 16, 2017.
- As a 2018 budget is being prepared we need to discuss any extraordinary expenses we see in the coming year.
- Trustee Fazio will recommend an increase to \$325 for the 2018 Assessment.
- 5K Run – so far we have received \$565.00 in cash and checks. \$370 is from the sale of shirts (19 so far). The cost of 50 shirts was \$710.20. More income should be coming in from those who signed up on line.

ACC Committee: Jack Keating, Chairperson

- ACCC held a meeting on 09/07/17. There were some complaints regarding vacant homes and yard not being cared for. Problems with bushes blocking drivers view on the P.G. County right of way. Problems with fences and neighbors having issues but seem to be resolving this with each other.
- There was an inquiry about a vacant house on Silverbirch – it was explained that this is in the hands of a bank and they seem to be doing nothing about this house.

Communications Committee: Sean Beaver, Chairperson – absent

- S. Beaver is working with trustee Mason as to what will go out to the community regarding the "Streetlights".

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

- The 50th Montpelier Marling Alumni events went really well. Everything was done within the proposed budget.
- Three possibilities of how to place the bricks/pavers for the fundraiser were provided and passed around.
- There was a suggestion regarding the bricks/pavers fundraiser and regarding the placement. It was suggested that they be placed on the sides of the sidewalk going toward the playground. Tell this to Trustee Buehler and see what he thinks. It can be done so water doesn't set on them.

Tennis Report: Lillian Fazio, Chairperson

- Mid Atlantic has not repainted a small area on Court 3 and they have not been paid as of yet. They will receive payment once they have completed the job.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- The pool is still open and is being used. The last day is Sunday, September 17th. September 23rd is dog day and September 24th is the Annual Meeting.
- The payments with the pool company are being addressed.
- We still have not heard back from Lighthouse regarding the pool cover. If there is no word from them in the next couple of weeks we can get another quote and move forward with that.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor - absent

- No report as V. Taylor was unable to attend the meeting.

Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- Community Crimes
 - On 8/19/17 at 1:30 pm, a male attacked a woman as she got out of her car in her driveway. The male stole her purse and there was no physical harm. This was reported to the police but they would not respond to Trustee Mason's calls.

- Drug activity was witnessed in the 12700 block of Cedarbrook Lane on 9/9/17. The police were called.
- Delonte Prince Sentencing – Judge Wallace ordered the maximum sentence of 30 years. Prince will probably serve 17 years. Thanks to Brindisi for heading up the Montpelier Group attending the sentencing.
- P.G. County District VI Police
 - Officer Velasquez assisted Brindisi and Trustee Mason with traffic control at the MCS 5K run/walk. Trustee Keating donated four reflective vests to the MCA.
 - Lt. Diron Sine is the new COPS Commander.
 - Officer Velasquez and Captain Susan Smith, Asst. District Commander will speak at our Annual Meeting.
 - The community walk with P.G. County Police officer Velasquez is on Thursday, September 14, 2107 @6pm at the community parking lot. This is the last walk with the police for this year.
- Laurel Fire Department – Volunteer Fire Chief Michael Haggerty of Fire Station on Laurel Bowie Road will be a guest speaker at our annual meeting.
- Meeting with Mary Lehman – “State of Montpelier” there will be a meeting to request assistance in making sure the WSSC paving, the Montpelier Drive Project, and the Muirkirk Road intersection are completed on time.

Traffic Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- Montpelier Drive project – Informational meeting will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at the Deerfield Run Elementary School Cafeteria. Displays and one-on-one questions with PGCDPW&T from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Formal meeting from 6:30-8:30pm lead by Erv Beckert, Chief Road Construction. Final plans for the Montpelier Drive will be presented to the South Laurel communities living near the road. All affected residents will receive a personalized invitation.
- Bradford Pear Trees: Designated Bradford Pear Trees on Montpelier Drive, Cedarbrook Lane, Graystone and Oxwell are presently being removed. The stumps will be ground down and removed in the next month. New replacement trees will be planted in Dec-Jan time frame. Pepco right of way trees on Cedarbrook and Mount Pleasant will be replanted. If residents insist on a waiver for a tree on his right of way, they need to contact Ossana Wolf, coordinator at 301-850-1462. An arborist will determine if the tree is healthy enough to remain.
- P.G. County replacing deteriorating concrete aprons – First work is being done on Graystone Lane; the residents did not have sufficient notice for this work. Trustee Mason will talk with the supervisor who said they would be back in about one month to do more work. He promised to call or email me a few days in advance so affected residents have proper notice. Look for notices on nearby trees as well.
- Muirkirk Road intersection – contacting Elizabeth McKinney, Construction Manager to discuss land adjacent to Muirkirk where drainage swales are being constructed. We want to make sure these vacant areas are not dumping grounds. Trustee Mason has requested plantings and a sound barrier for this area and the “No Thru Trucks” sign to be enlarged and placed closer to the intersection so trucks can see the sign so they won’t turn onto Cedarbrook Lane.

Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson

- The Fall Festival and Trunk or Treating will be held on October 21st at 2pm in the pool parking lot.

Old Business:

- The leak by the tennis court is still a problem. WSSC has been called but there is still no resolution. They did not follow up so we do not know what their resolution is if any. We will continue to research and find a solution.
- The electrician is coming out tomorrow to check on parking lot lights that are out and the playground lights that are staying on all day.
- The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 2pm at the pool. P. Douville will take care of refreshments for the meeting.
- Trustee Fazio will not be in attendance at the Annual Meeting; however, she will prepare the preliminary annual budget as well as all the financials.

Old Business:

- October 9th the pool parking lot will be resurfaced and restriped.
- Trustee Keating is looking at options for a new front gate, maybe a power gate.
- October 31st is Halloween and trick-or-treating.
- We are considering a fall movie and fire pit night in the pool parking lot.
- Ron Shoupe & Ron Shoupe, Jr. have been gate keepers at the pool for many years and have now retired from this job. Trustee Mason made a motion to give the Shoupe’s a Brick/paver with writing as a thank you for all their years of service to the community. The motion was seconded by Trustee Douville and passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM** at Deerfield Run Community Center, preschool room. Trustee Sorrentino made a motion to adjourn at 7:52pm and was seconded by Trustee Douville. The motion passed unanimously.