

# MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

April 10, 2018

**Trustees in Attendance:** Bob Derrick, Jack Keating, Brad Gimbert, Felipe Arzayus, Richard Mason, Lillian Fazio, Paul Buehler, Rachel Howard & Sean Beaver

**Community Members Present:** Mary Derrick, Laszio Boesze, Tricia Douville, Vermel Taylor and Michelle Gimbert.

President Bob Derrick called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. There was a quorum to conduct business.

### **Secretary's Report: Rachel Howard**

- The minutes of the March 2018 Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Keating made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted and Trustee Mason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio**

- Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly statements which were distributed and reviewed.
- As of 4/06/18, outstanding assessments amounts to \$49,792. Of this amount \$11,136 is due to long-term delinquents. 89 members still owe their assessments.
- Property tax, federal income state tax returns have been sent out. No money was owed on any of them.
- Trustee Fazio plans to open another 18 month CD with Revere Bank for \$25,000 as agreed to at a previous meeting.
- In about a month, Trustee Fazio will meet with our accountant to compile a working model as a guide for future treasurers.
- It was suggested that an inquiry be made with our accountant about the new tax laws and any impact to HOAs.

### **ACC Committee: Jack Keating, Chairperson**

- There was a meeting this past Thursday and the ACCC reviewed some fencing requests, sheds and a few complaints that were turned over to the County.

### **Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson**

- Water will be turned on in a couple of weeks and work will begin at that point.
- The Lighthouse Pool Management, Inc. contract has been signed for the 2018 season.

### **Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson**

- Nothing new to report. Now that the weather is warming up, welcome visits will restart.
- A new list was received so visits will start up again.

### **Communications Committee: Sean Beaver, Chairperson**

- There was an article in the Washington Post this past Sunday about Montpelier/20708 area. There should be another article in the future.

### **Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson**

- Crimes in Community:
  - None reported in the past month.
  - Solicitors continue in community. Please follow previous suggestions and don't open the door. 'No soliciting' sign at the door discourages solicitors too.
  - Do NOT respond to any email communication from the IRS or any other agency.
- Police:
  - Community Police Officer Velasquez runs radar at least once a week. On Wednesday, 4/4/18, he and Officer Demin ticketed 12 vehicles on Montpelier Drive and Oxwell. Only one driver lived in Montpelier.
  - **Free home security surveys** are being offered by PG County Police. Call Cpl. Woody at 301-937-0910.
  - **Police** warned us of increased Breaking & Entering's of automobiles and sheds where they are looking for lawn equipment.
  - **Walk with Police** will begin again starting 4/12 with monthly walks also on 5/10, 6/14, 7/12, 8/9, 9/12 and 10/11. They start at 6 pm at the Montpelier common grounds parking lot and walk around the community for 30-45 minutes. This is an excellent opportunity to talk with our Police Officers and get to know neighbors.
  - **COPS Coffee Report:** PG County Detectives emphasized how to prevent burglary crimes. Don't leave purses in your car, lock car doors when pumping gas and don't leave your purse in the grocery cart at the store. Mark all electronics and vehicle rims. Don't use your address for navigation "home address". Turn old cell phones into video cameras (Google instructions).
  - Faith based Citizens Police Academy starts in May as a 4 week course.
  - Trustee Mason invited Officer Velasquez to June 2018 MCA Board Meeting.

**Traffic Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson**

- Street Light Meeting: A committee meeting was held and we are developing questions for the PG County lighting director. The annual meeting can be used to get voting started if the Board decides to pursue a more formal canvassing of the Community.
- Bradford Pear Tree Program: Meeting with Ossana Wolff on 4/16 to plan for removal of remaining designated trees from Montpelier starting Fall of 2018. Trustee Mason is hosting it at his house and Gloria Hynes, Bob Derrick, Sean Beaver, Brindisi Chan plan to attend the meeting.
  - Since there are still some stumps to be removed Vermel volunteered to identify the streets to pass on to Ms. Wolff.
  - The group will request dates as to when the remaining stumps, mulch piles and remainder of the trees will be addressed.
  - Information about the Bradford Pear tree removals will be in the next Newsletter.
- Montpelier Drive project is still on schedule to start late Spring or early Summer with a scheduled finish in the Fall.

**Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson – Tricia Douville**

- The Easter Egg Hunt was held last weekend. It was cold but there was a good turnout.
- The Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. It will be advertised on Craigslist, Nextdoor and the Yahoo Group.
- There will a Memorial Day Potluck at the pool on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Potluck. The newsletter will have more details.
- The annual Montpelier 5K is going to be moved to October this year instead of Labor Day weekend. Probably October 6<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Facilities Committee: Brad Gimbert, Co-Chairperson, Paul Buehler, Co- Chairperson**

- The dumpster hold has been taken off and should be back on schedule.
- The light by the kitchen at the peak cycles on and off and should be replaced, preferably with one of the new LEDs.

**Tennis Report: Lillian Fazio, Chairperson**

- Under our annual maintenance contract Mid-Atlantic Asphalt has power washed the courts. Some cracking was noted at court #4 so Mid-Atlantic will fix the cracks.

**Old Business:**

- There is no word yet on the State Grant for updating the bathrooms but the State had very little discretionary funds for these projects so it does not look like we will get the Grant.

**New Business:**

- Trustee Mason was approached regarding T-Mobile hosting a pizza party at the pool with kid's games. After much discussion it was agreed that there was no interest in pursuing.
- Trustee Keating thanked Trustee Buehler for all of his efforts in researching insurance for the pool and common grounds.
  - It was discovered that we couldn't get coverage for individual items. Insurance companies want to cover all our insurance needs or none.
  - Trustee Buehler will reach out to our representative at Nationwide to set up a meeting to go over the coverage we do have and what else might be needed.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Deerfield Run Community Center, preschool room. Trustee Beaver made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm and it was seconded by Trustee Keating. The motion passed unanimously.