

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

July 10, 2018

Trustees in Attendance: Bob Derrick, Jack Keating, Lillian Fazio, Rachel Howard, Paul Buehler Richard Mason, and Sean Beaver

Trustees Absent: Brad Gimbert and Felipe Arzayus

Community Members Present: Mary Derrick, Vermel Taylor and Jean Sorrentino

President Bob Derrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There was a quorum to conduct business.

Secretary's Report: Rachel Howard

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

Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio

- Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly statements which were distributed and reviewed.
- More assessments are slowly coming in. We have \$10,800 past due as of this meeting.
- Donations of \$760 were sent in for the Benevolent Fund so it was transferred to that fund. There was \$1,090 donated to the swim team so that was transferred as well.
- \$22,600 was transferred to the reserve fund in accordance with the Covenants.

Tennis Committee: Lillian Fazio, Chairperson

- MidAtlantic was at the tennis courts for three days to power wash, fix any cracks and repaint.
- Two more 'Roll-Dri's' were purchased to replace the two that were stolen. We will put out one at a time.
- Recommend a sign stating that there is NO BICYCLE RIDING on the tennis courts.
- Gloria Hynes and Trustee Fazio weeded around the Montpelier entrance sign at Rt197 and Montpelier Drive.

ACC Committee: Jack Keating, Chairperson

- There was an ACCC meeting this past Thursday. A few issues and a few requests. A handful of approvals for requests.
- A few homeowners attended the meeting to discuss their issues. Roofs, shutters, those types of things.
- We received some information regarding a homeowner who is still not a 'member in good standing' even though he has paid his 2018 Assessment because he still has an outstanding issue with the ACCC. They are still waiting for a permit that was due quite some time ago. The ACCC agreed that due to this issue he is not a 'member in good standing' and is not authorized to use the MCA facilities.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- Can we implement a policy regarding guests using the common grounds? Since the member should be responsible for clean-up and any damage done. Trustee Buehler made a motion that we adopt a sign in policy for the common grounds where to use the common grounds Homeowners (and family members on file) must sign in their guest at the pool for use of the common grounds. Trustee Beaver seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Baby pool white coating will cost approximately \$11,500 but there are additional leak issues that will cost more. Lighthouse will know more when they get into the re-white coating job. We are checking to see if it will be less expensive in the fall. It was suggested that we investigate replacing the entire baby pool and get some bids. Lighthouse will be asked for some ball-park figures.
- July 14th is the last home swim meet of the season and we are hosting the Divisional meet on July 21st.
- Portable vacuum is being refurbished since it will make vacuuming the pool more efficient.
- We are waiting for a quote for replacing the slide from Lighthouse. Lighthouse does not want to be held liable for our repairs.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson

- Seven families were visited this past month and there is one left. Vermel turned in her receipts for the welcome cookies.

Communications Committee: Sean Beaver, Chairperson

- The website is going to have a resources section with phone numbers for various services in the county.
- The last two newsletters will be uploaded onto the website soon.

Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- **Crimes in Community:** No reported crimes since the 6/12/18 Board Meeting.

PG County Police:

- Officer Velasquez continues to monitor speeding and truck traffic. He will place more emphasis on speeding and illegal passing on Montpelier Drive.
- Citizens Advisory Council meeting on 6/28/18 emphasized reduced violent crimes and property crimes in N. PG County (District VI). Group emails were sent to the community.
- COPS Coffee: Detectives presented Crime Scene Investigative Division. They investigate major crimes, homicides, home invasion and

robberies. Emails were sent to the community distilling what was learned.

- Emails were sent out advising those on social media on fake 'IRS' scams as well as updates on drug enforcement and kidnapping.
- PG Annual Night Out is on 8/7/18 from 6 to 8 PM at District VI Station, Sellman Avenue, Beltsville, MD.
- Walk with Police Officer Velasquez has been discontinued since there was very little participation. Request ideas from Board of Trustees and Montpelier residents for new programs for interaction with our community police officer.
- Trustee Mason has requested the District VI Command Staff to investigate all reasons for apartment parking restrictions. We've been told that only two parking spaces for each apartment. We're also been told that some apartment management companies are charging for parking. Will advise results of police investigation when get results of their inquiry.
- Solicitation continues in community. Email again was sent to the community, which gives recommendation for reducing this illegal activity. Police requests residents call 911 if person won't leave your property.

Traffic Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- **Right Tree Program:** Bradford Pear trees scheduled for removal this Fall have been marked with white paint. New trees will be planted this winter. It is important to water your new trees. Look for instruction flier included with your Montpelier today Magazine this Fall.
- **Montpelier Drive Program:** Bidding for this project will hopefully start this Fall. There is no definite construction start date. Project Manager has assured me that Montpelier Drive project will happen. Current pot holes can be called into 311 and request they be filled. The road itself will not likely have a bigger repair until the project is done.
 - There was a request from a resident to have the Board ok them to hold a meeting at the pool and invite other homeowners to discuss other issues or concerns regarding the Montpelier Drive project to gather ideas and information (regarding passing, trucks driving though, speeding...) from homeowners and take it to the county. Trustee Beaver will contact the homeowner and let her know the Board had no issue with a Member calling a meeting.
- **Montpelier Street Lights:** Meeting with Manager of PG County Street Light Program is in the process of being planned with members of this committee. More to follow.
- **Non-Members parking on Montpelier Drive:** Sean Beaver, who heads this project, has convinced the PG County Revenue Dept to speed up the process of implementing this computer-controlled parking. Follow his emails for up to date specific information. It is possible we could have the permit parking in place by the end of October.

Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson – Tricia Douville

- Pizza at the pool on Wednesdays. This is being advertised online and people can sign up at the pool.
- Fourth of July at the pool was a good day. There was a huge turnout and it was a big success.

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

- We got some quotes to repair the fence and gate. The quote was very similar to the last time this was done. After some discussion Trustee Keating made a motion that we spend the \$651 to repair the tennis court gate. Trustee Buehler seconded the motion. The quote is to repair and replace the chain link wire of the double gate at the entrance of the tennis courts. The motion passed unanimously.
- Can we get more cameras to cover under the food pavilion to cover the garage doors? Trustee Keating will ask the original installer for a quote.
- Two trees might need to be removed near the pool parking lot entrance. Trustee Gimbert got two quotes. To have the tree the one tree removed the quotes were \$1000 from Adirondack and \$990 from Prestige. The second tree has some hollowing at the base. The quotes indicated that the tree was overall healthy, and they didn't feel the need to remove it; however, Adirondack said to remove it they would charge \$1,500.00 and Prestige said they would remove it for \$2,000. Trustee Gimbert made a recommendation to use Prestige to remove the one tree for \$990 and monitor the other one. Trustee Buehler made a motion to have Prestige remove the one tree for \$990 and have them removed the deadwood near the electrical box if their price for that doesn't exceed \$245. Trustee Keating seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- The planters in the pool parking lot are being backed into. It was suggested that we remove the top board (2" x 12") to see how they look. If it does not look good without the top cap, we can replace them. We should put some flags up so those backing in and out of those spaces can see where they are located.

Old Business:

- Nomination forms. Three have been turned in so far. Several more were collected. There is a deadline of August 10 to get these turned in or they cannot be accepted.
- Hoping to use the Annual meeting as a forum to discuss the streetlights. The annual meeting will be on Sunday, September 23rd at 2:00 PM at the pool.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Deerfield Run Community Center, preschool room. Trustee Beaver made a motion to adjourn at 8:51 pm and it was seconded by Trustee Keating. The motion passed unanimously.