

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

August 14, 2018

Trustees in Attendance: Bob Derrick, Jack Keating, Lillian Fazio, Brad Gimbert, Richard Mason, and Sean Beaver

Trustees Absent: Rachel Howard, Paul Buehler and Felipe Arzayus

Community Members Present: Michelle Gimbert

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

Secretary's Report: Rachel Howard -absent

- The minutes of the July 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.
- There were nine nomination forms turned in by 8/10/18. These candidates will be posted in the next newsletter with their biographical information along with the ballot.

Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio

- Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly statements, which were distributed and reviewed.
- The amount in delinquent assessments this year has dropped to \$8,600. Last year at this time it was \$18,619. Legal actions continue.
- Personal property taxes of \$46.72 have been paid.
- On August 1st \$20,000 was transferred from CapOne360 Saving to the checking account.
- A request was made for Trustee Fazio to check with the CPA to see if the pool cover is a fixed asset.

Tennis Committee: Lillian Fazio, Chairperson

- The gate to the tennis courts has not yet been repaired. Trustee Gimbert will contact the vendor to find out when it will be fixed. The down payment has been made and received. There is also damage to fence around basketball court that should be added to the scope.

ACC Committee: Jack Keating, Chairperson

- There was an ACCC meeting the first Thursday of the month.
- There were a few requests for fences and back yard work, nothing out of the ordinary.
- One homeowner came to the meeting after a complaint was made regarding her yard and the shrubs and trees blocking the view to turn onto a major street. Money is an issue, so the committee arranged for a couple of quotes to have this clean up work done.
- Medina's quote came back at \$1,300 to make necessary clean up to the yard. The ACCC agreed that this homeowner might be a good candidate for the Benevolent Fund. Trustee Keating is requesting \$850 from the fund to be paid to Medina to clean up the lot and have Prestige come in and do a quote to remove the tree.
 - Trustee Gimbert made a motion that the Board approve \$850 to do the yard work clean up and if Prestige can come in and remove the tree for \$450 for a total of \$1,300, contingent on the homeowner's agreement to address the front porch issue to the ACCC's satisfaction. Trustee Beaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. It was noted that the Benevolent fund is for non-reoccurring events. Trustee Keating will contact Medina on what exactly they are going to do, and the M&J quote should be in soon and will be reviewed. Trustee Beaver will contact Prestige and M&J.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson - absent

- We are still waiting for details regarding the baby pool from Lighthouse and when to start the work and how much it will cost. The leak will be addressed with this work.
- Looking to develop the scope of work for the re-white coating of the main pool.
- The cost for adding two cameras at the fence gate at the basketball court and at the garage doors in the food pavilion will be \$2,750. Motion was made to approve this amount and it passed unanimously.
- The question came up about keeping the pool open another week was brought up. One extra week will until 9/16/18 instead of 9/9/18. After some lengthy discussion, Trustee Beaver made a motion to close on 9/9/18 and the motion was seconded by Trustee Mason. Three voted for the motion and two abstained. The motion passed.
- Dog day will be on Saturday, 9/16/18.
- The annual meeting will be on Sunday, 9/23/18 at 2 pm at the pool.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson - absent

- Visits are continuing, and a new list has been supplied.
- A thank you card was received from a new homeowner pleased with the nice welcome to the neighborhood.

Communications Committee: Sean Beaver, Chairperson

- Wi-Fi in only working well near the main gate due to the location of the router. Can we work with the cameraman to move it? We can use an antenna, but the router still needs to be relocated. Trustee Beaver to discuss with vendor for new cameras.
- P.G. County has changed their website links, so they are being updated on our website.

Security Committee Richard Mason, Chairperson

- **Crimes in Community:** No reported crimes since the 7/10/18 Board Meeting.

PG County Police:

- Captain Susan Smith, Assistant Commander District VI Station, issued a fraud case where the victim received a call requesting bail money. He advised residents to make calls to family, police, lawyer, etc... before even considering paying any requests like this.
- A group email went out to the community about break-ins in South Laurel, recommendations to keep outside lights on, lock all doors and call 911 for any suspicious activity.
- Our community police officer, Cpl. Michael Velasquez and the MCA Security Committee have decided to discontinue the "walk with police" due to lack of participation. We would appreciate any ideas for our community to interact with our police.
- An MCA resident sent complementary email to the community regarding the policing in our community. It was forwarded to our District VI Police Command staff. Major Addis, Commander, forwarded this email to their Patrol division. The compliments were appreciated.
- Police Night Out on 8/8/18 was a great success. There were many residents there to meet the police.
- PGPD Citizens Advisory Council is planning a Thanksgiving dinner for our District VI police on 11/15/18 at their Beltsville Station. Brindisi and Trustee Mason will be asking our elementary school children for cards and posters. We will also be asking MCA residents for food donations. More to follow on this worthwhile charity effort.

Traffic Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- Montpelier Drive Project: This important improvement for our community is rescheduled for Spring of 2019. PG County lawyers were required to change the bid award process. Bids will be advertised this Fall with awards and then instructions soon to follow.
- We are in the process of reevaluating the MCA street light proposal that PG county has offered our community free of charge. More to follow.
- The Bradford Pear "Right Time, Right Time" program is on schedule to remove the remaining designated trees this Fall After stumps are removed, the new trees will be planted. Look for information fliers in the November/December 2018 Montpelier Today Newsletter.
- The Residential Permit Parking Program, supervised by Trustee Beaver, is for the eastern part of Montpelier Drive to minimize non-residents that are parking on our streets and walking to local apartments. The project is on schedule and updates will be given to affected residents.
- PG County Traffic Division has adjusted the traffic light at Muirkirk and Cedarbrook so the vehicles travelling east and turning left on to Cedarbrook have more time for a safe turn with a dedicated green left arrow.
- MD-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission removed large fallen tree at the dead end of Mount Pleasant Drive.

Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson – Tricia Douville - absent

- Float night went well. There was a low turnout.
- There was a Flick and Float scheduled for this past Thursday that was a success. We are hoping to continue the movies on the lawn into the fall. We have received a reasonable quote to eliminate mosquitos.

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

- The lights over the garage door will be address.
- We will look for flags for the corners of the planters.
- The water leak outside the corner of the softball field backstop along Cedarbrook Lane has turned into a steady trickle. We will call WSSC once the pool is closed and the water is turned off.

Old Business:

- Streetlight updates – Trustee Mason hosted a meeting and two ladies from PG County came and answered questions. The debate is how to go about voting: all in one Community vote or to go street by street. Streetlights will be discussed at the Annual Meeting on September 23rd.

New Business:

- The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, September 23rd at 2pm at the pool. We will have Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith to discuss the MAGLEV train. Montpelier resident, Linda Pohland, has asked to update the Community on the future of the Laurel Hospital. Officer Velasquez will be in attendance, should residents have questions for him, and we will discuss the streetlights.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Deerfield Run Community Center, preschool room. Trustee Beaver made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 pm and it was seconded by Trustee Gimbert. The motion passed unanimously.