

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

September 10, 2019

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

Trustees Absent: Paul Buehler and Felipe Arzayus

Community Members Present: Robert Mamonluk, William Hart, Joe Bacarella, Anna Bacarella, Brindisi Chan, Daniel & Carolina Reyes, Toni Byrd, Vermel Taylor, Jack Shipp, Corinne Remy, Mary Derrick, and Michelle Gimbert

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

Secretary's Report: Trustee Howard Chairperson

- The minutes of the August 2019 Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Keating made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Trustee Mason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Trustee Fazio - Chairperson

- Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly financial statements, which were distributed and reviewed.
- To date we still have 8 current delinquents and 8 long term delinquents. Michelle Gimbert has contacted our attorney and we have had no response so will be looking into why and if we need to find a new Association lawyer.
- As of August 31, delinquents owe \$11,132. This includes late fees and administrative fees.
- The Revere Bank CD #725179 has been redeemed and placed in the Reserve Fund as of 9/1/19.
- The proposed budget for 2020 has been prepared and handed out as it will look for the Annual Meeting. It will be reviewed during the November and December Board meetings and approved before it is published in the Newsletter.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio, Chairperson

- No report

ACC Committee: Trustee Keating, Chairperson

- There was a meeting this past Thursday. There were a few requests.
- A couple of owners have not responded to repeated notices of violations and fines so they will be referred to the attorney.
- There are many homeowners unsure of the rules even though they get the Governing Documents upon home purchasing and many topics are cover in the newsletters.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- The pool will be open for five more days. The last day is September 15th, 12 – 8 pm.
- Doggie Dip day is September 21st, 12 – 5 pm.
- Trustee Keating was looking into some type of cover for the baby pool.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson

- Nine families have been visited and cookies were left at six homes.
- One person was concerned about a letter from the ACCC. Ms. Taylor said she would reach back out to them and ask them to attend the next ACCC meeting.
- A new owner was inquiring about fixing their front porch to help prevent the puddling water. Trustee Keating said Ms. Taylor could let them know that they do not need permission for this type of work unless they are changing the structure itself.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- The old community survey will be sent out to the Board to review for ideas should they want to do another survey.

Bylaws Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- No report.

Security Committee Trustee Mason, Chairperson

- Cpl. Velasquez was in attendance along with a Detective. They discussed the recent crime in the community (listed below).
- They will continue to run speed radar when they can.
- E-mail Cpl. Velasquez with any questions, mjvelasquez@co.pg.md.us
- When you call 911 and want to know what they find out, you need to request a follow up from the Officer.
- Councilman Tom Dernoga is planning on attending the Annual Meeting along with Officer Frazier, PG Police, for a question and answer session.

Crimes in Community:

- On 8/13/19 8800 block of Royal Ridge someone entered through the back door and stole speakers. 911 was called.
- On 8/16/19 at 4am on Fernwood Turn there was a banging on the front door. 911 was called.
- On 8/28/19 A blue Acura RDX was stolen from a driveway on Oxwell Lane. 911 was called.
- There was a dog bite case where a couple of people and police officers were bitten. Police followed up with owner.
- On 8/16/19 at 9pm in the 8700 block of Crystal Rock an alarm went off. No entry was found.
- On 9/3/19, vehicle on vehicle hit and run on Montpelier Drive. There was not enough evidence to issue a citation.

Prince Georges Police Events:

- There is a Trunk or Treat event on 10/24/19. Specifics will be given to the community via our group emails. It will be from 6 – 9:30 pm with a costume contest at 7 pm. The police are asking for candy donations. Call or e-mail Richard Mason for more information. He will accept the candy donations and get them to the police. If you want to decorate your car and participate in this event, please contact Richard Mason or Cpl. Velasquez.

SafePace 100 Radar Speed Sign for Montpelier Drive:

- A flier with all the specifics was distributed by Trustee Mason.
- The community would need to purchase the sign pole to attach the “vandalism resistant” reader.
- The County Police will assist in identifying the best location for this sign placed.
- P.G. County DPW&T will assist in the specific placement in the County right of way that will not interfere with their upcoming Montpelier Drive Project.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus, Chairperson - absent

- Traffic signs were checked around the neighborhood. There was one stop sign missing on Eastbourne Lane, reported to 311.
- School crosswalks on Montpelier Drive (Cedarbrook and Silverbirch) are poorly marked. It was requested via 311 that they be repainted. A request was put in with Mr. Unmesh Patel from the County’s DPW&T to expedite this request.
- The Montpelier Drive project – A call was put into Mr. Unmesh Patel from P.G. County DPW&T to get an update:
 - o Advertisement for the bid solicitation is still on hold at the County legal office. He doesn’t know why.
 - o The expectation is that the bids should be out in April 2020. Once that happens, the process will move forward at a much faster pace than it has so far.
 - o Funding line for this project is still intact in the County’s budget.
 - o An inquiry was made in the prospects of linking Montpelier Drive to Muirkirk Road or opening up North Point Lane to Larchdale and link it to Contee Road. He said he does not know much history on those roads and why they are not connected. Perhaps a face-to-face meeting with Mr. Patel and Mr. Beckett is warranted. Trustee Arzayus will keep the Board posted in the event a meeting is set up so we can have the right people in attendance.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith, Chairperson

- The 8/23/19 Flick n Float was a lot of fun for those who attended.
- The Labor Day Potluck was well attended and was a success.
- The Fall Festival will be held on 10/19/19 at the pool parking lot. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Ms. Smith.

Facilities Committee: Trustees Gimbert and Buehler, Co-Chairpersons

- Trustee Gimbert had appointments with two different companies regarding the damaged fence at the tennis courts. Both were no shows.

Old Business:

- Dog Park (Trustee Arzayus via e-mail report)
 - The recent incident at the pool parking lot (after a master's swim practice) highlights and supports the need for a dedicated area for dog owners to use on a daily basis.
 - This Fall Trustee Arzayus will renew his research on this topic and determine:
 - The best location to place a dog park in the community.
 - Rules & Requirements to be met for the county, and the community's by-laws, including insurance.
 - Regardless of location, get plans for different types of dog park designs.
- If you want a "Children at Play" sign you can contact 311 and open a ticket.
- The Annual Meeting will be held on 9/29/19 from 4-5:30 pm at the Montpelier Arts Center

New Business:

- Trustee Derrick and Trustee Keating would like to thank the Board their service for this past year as well as all the other Committee Chairs and committee members.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Deerfield Run Community Center, preschool room. Trustee Beaver made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 PM and it was seconded by Trustee Keating. The motion passed unanimously.