

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees WebEx Call in Meeting Minutes

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September 8, 2020

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

Trustees Absent: Paul Buehler and Cindy Merrow

Community Members Present: Vermel Taylor, 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 Merrow – Chairperson - absent

- The minutes of the August 2020 Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Mason made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Trustee Fazio 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.
- Michelle has sent roster of delinquents to Corinne. Currently there are eighteen delinquents and four who owe other fees for a total of \$13,000 outstanding.
- State Taxes have been paid for a total of \$ 1,019.28. These taxes are for THE CLEAN WATER ACT.
- I have received notice that the bankruptcy hearing of Nicola Cordone Lot#1 has been rescheduled for September 22, 2020. Corinne has been sent a copy of notice.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio, Chairperson

- No Report

ACC Committee: Trustee Keating, Chairperson

- There are 13 outstanding issues. Unkempt lawns and uncut grass. A few requests for upgrades and home improvements and many notifications that don't require approval (like dumpsters in the driveways).
- We held a virtual meeting this past week. Michelle sent out new assignments for the six committee members and a spreadsheet of infractions and outstanding requests.
- Thanks to the committee members for their service over the past year.
- We are looking at a "mow and lien" strategy for homeowners who have not paid their assessment and are not mowing their grass for extended periods of time. Trustee Derrick will work with our attorney to get the lien and discuss adding the maintenance costs to the outstanding assessments for next year. There are two houses, in particular, at this point. Trustee Beaver will draft something that can be put in next years assessment that the homeowners will have to sign off on to commit to maintaining their lawn.
- An inquiry was made regarding concerns regarding a possible daycare being run from a home in the neighborhood. The Governing Documents reference running businesses from the home and being a violation if becomes an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood. They have to request permission from the ACC Committee and the County probably requires they be licensed.

Governing Documents and Bylaws Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- No Report

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- The newsletter is getting too large to upload the entire thing to our website, so the advertisements are being left out in the online version.

Facilities Committee: Trustees Gimbert, Chairperson

- Prestige Tree Experts was out a few weeks ago and completed the tree work on the common grounds and it looks great. They planted a few trees as well.

- The Sealcoat for the pool parking lot and the basketball court is scheduled for September 15-17.
- A question came up about the dumpster and is it being removed for repaving. We need to make sure this is done. It was also questioned if we should we change the size to a smaller dumpster? We are in a contract for two years so we can consider the pro's and con's at another time.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- This is the last week that the pool is open. The last day is September 13th followed by Dog Day on September 19th.
- There have been a lot of people coming to the pool this past week, many of which haven't been there all summer.

Security Committee: Trustee Mason, Chairperson

Crimes in Community:

- Fortunately, there were no reported crimes in the community since the August 11th MCA Board Meeting. Please remember to report any crimes or attempted incidents to the police via 911. There have been several incidents of stolen property that were not reported to 911. We have a much better chance of stopping these incidents by alerting the police who will patrol more frequently in our community.
- One averted crime occurred on the afternoon of September 5th on Shadetree Lane. A neighbor had construction material stolen from in front of her house by a passing truck. Two men in the truck with "Medillion" on the side, took four bags of shingles (from a location that appeared to be where outgoing trash is placed) and drove away. The observant homeowner saw it happen and her workers drove around until they found and recovered the shingles in a nearby neighborhood where a shed was being built. This is an example of when you should call the police on 911.

Traffic in Montpelier:

- With more residents in South Laurel travelling the roads, we ask you to be more aware of other vehicles and to be courteous by using turn-signals and other thoughtful driving practices. Thanks to the MCA Traffic Chairman, Trustee Arzayus for keeping us informed with the construction on Montpelier Drive. There will be lane closures in the next few months, and we ask all drivers to be aware of lane changes. Also be aware that the 50-year-old Bradford pear trees are not stable and can easily crash to the ground. Do not park near these trees.

Report from Cpl. Michael Velasquez, MCA PG County Community Police Officer:

- Officer Velasquez spends two days a week on the PG County 70-member task force to enforce COVID-19 disease. He has requested more police patrols in our community while he is on special assignment. Police are enforcing speeding, especially on Montpelier Drive. Be aware that the police have radar and will issue speeding tickets.

PG County District 1 Council Member, Tom Dernoga:

- Even though the PG Council is on break, there is continual effort to manage the COVID-19 disease as it relates to schools, business, and the public at large. There are regular zoom meetings hosted by Councilman Dernoga that are promoted via email to the community.

Thank You:

- A big thank you to Brindisi Chan, MCA's Deputy Security Chairman. She is always aware of what is happening in our community. Trustee Mason really appreciates her action and reports concerning traffic problems, crime incidents, and recently about the fallen Bradford pear tree blocking Eastbourne Lane at Cedarbrook. Her quick action with PG County Transportation Dept. cleared the blockage.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith, Chairperson - absent

- The Community Yard Sale is scheduled for 10/3.
- The Fall Festival and Art/Crafts Fair is scheduled for 10/24 from 12-2pm.
- Halloween falls on 10/31.

Swim Team Committee: Marie Gatti, Chairperson - absent

- No Report

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus, Chairperson

- The Contractor is back on track for the Montpelier Drive project. They have been working on the storm water drainage structures. The Project Manager says the median and remaining sidewalks will be worked on this year. Next year they will be milling up the old pavement and repaving.
- Questions have come in about repaving some of our other streets. Councilman Dernoga's office prioritizes based on safety and budget. Two streets that have been mentioned are Shadetree and Starling. It was clearly stated that the number of 311 complaints called in contributes to the street being higher on the priority list- CALL EARLY AND CALL OFTEN!

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson

- Vermel has created a draft letter to send via email and regular mail to send during the COVID pandemic until in person visits can continue.

Old Business:

- The Annual Board Meeting will be held online on September 27 at 2pm. Ballots should be mailed in or dropped off at the Collman's.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM online. Trustee Beaver made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM and it was seconded by Trustee Arzayus. The motion passed unanimously.