

**MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**Deerfield Run Recreation Center**  
**October 18, 2022**

**Trustees in Attendance:** Felipe Arzayus, Sean Beaver, Bob Derrick, Lillian Fazio, Michael Flowe, Brad Gimbert, Jack Keating, Richard Mason and Cindy Merrow.

**Trustees Absent with cause:** Sterling Spangler

**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: Trustee Merrow**

- The minutes of the September 13, 2022, Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Beaver made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Trustee Fazio seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report: Trustee Fazio – Chairperson**

- Monthly financial statements have been sent out to the Trustees.
- This period we collected two additional assessments: one for over \$4,662 and another for \$444. In addition, Michelle has worked out an agreement with a homeowner, who owes over two years, to begin paying in monthly increments to satisfy his debt.
- There was a problem with BMC Services who did repairs to the boy's bathroom. A check was issued, cashed, then a deposit back into the MCA account was made for the exact amount. Another check was made out to Tito Construction. Trustee Keating will help clarify the issue with that subcontractor.
- The finances from the Swim Team have not been received yet.

**Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio - Chairperson**

- No report.

**ACC Committee: Trustee Keating - Chairperson**

- Trustee Beaver provided an update since Trustee Keating was unable to attend the last meeting.
- The meeting was held on the first Thursday of the month.
- The home on the corner of Mount Pleasant and Orwood will be cleaning up their firewood and stacking it up, he states he is not running a business.
- There are multiple homes repairing many different cars on their driveways as if they are running automotive businesses. The ACCC is trying to get help from the County to address this since they deny it.
- There is now a large bus being parked on Silverbirch near Twin Hill that is being investigated.
- The ACCC group online site provider will start charging \$99 a month soon, so we are looking into other options.

**Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver - Chairperson**

- No Report.

**Governing Documents Committee: Trustee Beaver – Chairperson**

- With a new Board we are looking for suggestions for any changes or amendments.

**Facilities Committee: Trustees Gimbert - Chairperson**

- A replacement bulb for the pool parking lot has been purchased and will be installed soon.

**Pool Committee: Mary Derrick – Chairperson - absent**

- No report.

**Social Committee: Lisa Smith - Chairperson -absent (report sent in to be read)**

- The Fall Fest/Craft Fare is scheduled for October 30 from 1-3 pm. There are seven vendors so far. The Flash Crabcake food truck is scheduled to be there. Games, pumpkins, crafts and hopefully a performer. Looking for volunteers for games.
- Trunk or Treat will also be held on October 30 from 3-4:30 on the pool parking lot.
- Advertising will go on Nextdoor over the next few weeks.
- The Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. There will be decorating, hot chocolate, and caroling with sheet music. A flier will go in the newsletter.

**Swim Team Committee: Chairperson – Andy Reeves - absent**

- Currently a quiet time, working on updating procedures.

**Security Committee: Trustee Mason - Chairperson**

Crimes in the Community

- Fortunately, there were no reported crimes in Montpelier this past month. P.G. Police have provided updated crime incidents in P.G. County, and this was forwarded to our MCA residents. Thanks to our community for taking the necessary precautions that the police and MCA Security Committee provides, to prevent crimes in our community. MCA Deputy Security Chairman, Christ Tarbrake has done a wonderful job in helping to keep our community safe.

Report of P.G. County Police, Division 6, Beltsville, MD

- Commander Major Fisher of Division 6 recently organized a Police get together at Panera Bread Restaurant in Beltsville. Trustee Mason spent over two hours talking with Police COPS and the new Assistant Commander, Captain Danielle Selway. She has been with P.G. County Police for 25 years and was very interested in our community. She was invited to our next Board Meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, she can bring officer supervisor, Sgt. Joseph Mullendore or one of his COPS officers. Captain Selway is interested in reestablishing their COPS officer’s program.
- County Police Academy graduated 27 new officers in September, 25 of them signed up to be with P.G. County Police. Trustee Mason has encouraged that regular patrol officers spend time in our community.
- A request was put into Beltsville Police Command Staff to ask County Transportation to place radar speed cameras more frequently on Montpelier Drive.
- A suggestion was made by a resident to paint a crosswalk on Cedarbrook Lane at Orwood Lane.
- P.G. Division 6 Police co-sponsored a food drive on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Three cartons of food were donated from our community.

Citizens Advisory Council (CAC), Beltsville, MD

- The next monthly CAC meeting is on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the Calverton Police Office. Captain Selway is working on reestablishing COPS officers for the 8 South Laurel Communities. These meetings provide a forum to learn about crime problems in our South Laurel area. This and other useful information about potential crimes is provided to Trustee Mason and he shares it with our community.

Report of Council Member Tom Dernoga's Office, Prince George's County District 1:

- Jerri Jones and Michelle Garcia provide excellent information about happenings in Northern P.G. County. Trustee Mason requested that the P.G. Transportation Dept. to provide us with radar speed cameras. They would like to attend an MCA Community Meeting.

**Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus - Chairperson**

- No Report

**Welcoming Committee: Christina Kposowa – Chairperson - absent**

- Working with Michelle on handouts and a list of new homeowners has been received.

Trustee Beaver made a motion to adjourn the old Board at 7:22 pm. It was seconded by Trustee Mellow and passed unanimously.

The New Board convened and was called to order at 7:24 pm. The Administrative Assistant announced the new 2022-2023 Board Members.

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| • Felipe Arzayus | • Jack Keating      |
| • Sean Beaver    | • Richard Mason     |
| • Bob Derrick    | • Cindy Mellow      |
| • Lillian Fazio  | • Sterling Spangler |
| • Michael Flowe  |                     |

The Administrative Assistant reconvened the meeting and asked for nominations for President.

- Bob Derrick was voted in as President.

The President took nominations for all others:

- Jack Keating was voted in as Vice President.
- Cindy Mellow was voted in as Secretary.
- Lillian Fazio was voted in as Treasurer.
- ACC Committee Chair – Michael Flowe
- Election Committee Chair – Lynne Collman
- Executive Committee (third member) – Sean Beaver, in addition to President and Vice President
- Financial Committee Chair – Lillian Fazio
- Nominating Committee Chair – Michelle Gimbert
- Communications Committee Chair – Sean Beaver
- Facilities Committee Chair – Jack Keating
- Governing Documents Committee Chair – Sean Beaver
- Pool Committee Chair – Mary Derrick

- Security Committee Chair – Richard Mason
  - Social Committee Chair – Lisa Smith
  - Swim Team Committee Chair – Andy Reeves
  - Tennis Committee Chair – Lillian Fazio
  - Traffic Committee Chair – Felipe Arzayus
  - Welcoming Committee Chair – Christina Kposowa
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- All nominations were unopposed and passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

- The damaged fence at the end of Starling Lane will be repaired soon by volunteers.
- Trustee Arzayus would like to continue to investigate a Sign Board on the Common Grounds as well as the Dog park idea and a better way to access the path on Raven Way to the park for strollers, bikes, etc.

**New Business:**

- The contracts for the Administrative Assistant and the Gatekeeper for the 2022-2023 year will be brought to the next meeting to be voted on.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2022, at 7:00 PM at the Deerfield Run Rec Center in the Preschool Room. Trustee Beaver made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM and was seconded by Trustee Keating. The motion passed unanimously.