

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Deerfield Run Recreation Center
November 15, 2022

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

Trustees Absent with cause: Felipe Arzayus and Cindy Merrow

Community Members Present: Mary Derrick, Michelle Gimbert, Christina Kposowa, Andy Reeves, and Chris Tarbrake

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

Secretary's Report: Trustee Merrow - absent

- The minutes of the October 18, 2022, Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Keating made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Trustee Mason 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 on a lien when the house was sold (\$1,023.00).
- The CD with Sandy Spring Bank has matured. The current balance is \$25,808.25. I can roll over for 3.29% for 9 months. I want to keep it short as interest rates are continuing to rise. The Board okayed putting money into a CD with Capital One Bank at nearly 4% for 12 months.
- I have been going over the budget for next year and would like to make some changes.
- Corinne, our attorney, is placing liens on four homeowners that owe for more than one year.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio - Chairperson

- No report.

ACC Committee: Trustee Flowe - Chairperson

- In the meeting this past month there are 24 matters still open, eight matters were closed, seven are on hold pending action, six follow up letters were sent, two are pending neighbor verification.
- There were four new requests, three were approved and one is pending approval and six are pending permits.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver - Chairperson

- No Report.

Governing Documents Committee: Trustee Beaver – Chairperson

- Looking at changing and updating language to remove cap on the assessments as well as other updates.

Facilities Committee: Trustees Keating - Chairperson

- The light in the parking lot was replaced by volunteers.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick – Chairperson

- All closed up on September 30 - No report.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith - Chairperson -absent

- The tree lighting will be on November 27th starting at 4:30pm, copies will be made of carols for singing and ornaments will be made and hung.
- December 17th will be the Holiday Lights Judging.

Swim Team Committee: Chairperson – Andy Reeves - absent

- Alison Kern and Mandi Armand are still working on the Treasury information for Trustee Fazio.
- The committee is reviewing the Adopted Swimmer Program and asked if Mary Derrick would be willing to help.
- The Mini Marlin Policy will be reviewed in the coming months.
- We are looking into coaches for the next season.
- Many Marlins are now swimming year-round.
- One of the Marlin Data Managers is joining PMSL to be one of their Data Managers.
- Surveys were sent to swim parents, and many were returned, and they are being reviewed.

Security Committee: Trustee Mason - Chairperson

Crimes in the Community

- There were no reported crimes once again since the last meeting. Thanks go out to the P.G. Police for their information that was provided and for the residents for reading and following their advice. Please set a good example by driving 25 MPS on all Montpelier roads. Unfortunately, the Police do not have the manpower to patrol regularly. They also do not have enough radar speed cameras.

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

- There is a new Command Staff in Beltsville and there are interested in knowing more about our community. Capt. Danielle Selway, Assistant Commander, and Sgt. Joe Mullendore, COPS Supervisor, have asked to come to MCA Board meetings. They want to hear what we do and meet our Board of Trustees.
- The next “Coffee with COPS” is Wednesday, November 9th at 10 am at the McDonald’s on Route 197 near Contee Road. All residents are invited and there will be time for questions and one-on-one conversations.
- Commander, Major Jason Fisher announced that new P.G. County bylaws are on hold. He said that the interaction with P.G. Police should not be put on Nextdoor because it reduces the safety of our police officers. He said that major crimes are down, and the Arden Point shooter was arrested.
- Capt. Selway emphasized the vehicle thefts are up. Hyundai and Kia vehicles are believed the easiest to dismantle to sell for parts.

Citizens Advisory Council (CAC), Beltsville, MD

- The main speaker was Detective Jonathan Hill of the Family Center of Domestic Violence. His key message was that domestic violence is down but domestic violence with weapons is up. He stated that there is more violence when parents have children involved.
- The Security Chairs for each of the South Laurel communities will continue to share criminal activity with the other communities. Information will be shared on Nextdoor.

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

- Major emphasis is voting on Election Day. Councilman Dernoga and his staff are at the Laurel Senior Center from 8 AM until 8 PM on weekdays through Election Day. He and his staff are readily available to discuss community issues. He has term limits, so this is his last four years in office. He has already announced that his Chief of Staff, Michelle Garcia, will be his recommendation for District 1 Council in four years.

Trustee Spangler has volunteered to be on the Security Committee.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus – Chairperson - absent

- It is recommended that walkers wear something reflective while walking since it is getting darker earlier.

Welcoming Committee: Christina Kposowa – Chairperson

- Deliveries were made to 7 new homeowners. We have been asking if they have received a copy of the Governing Documents. All so far said they had gotten them at settlement.
- Three people have expressed interest in joining the Welcoming Committee.
- A request was made and approved by the Board to purchase lanyards for \$15 noting that they are from the MCA Welcoming Committee.
- Trustee Spangler suggested getting Montpelier Branding on products to be given out by the committee.

Old Business:

- The Engineering Reserve fund is being worked on.

New Business:

- The basketball nets need to be replaced and maybe the soccer nets as well.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 7:00 PM at the Deerfield Run Rec Center in the Preschool Room. Trustee Keating made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 PM and was seconded by Trustee Mason. The motion passed unanimously.