

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Deerfield Run Recreation Center
December 13, 2022

Trustees in Attendance: Felipe Arzayus, Sean Beaver, Bob Derrick, Lillian Fazio, Jack Keating, Richard Mason, Cindy Merrow and Sterling Spangler

Trustees Absent with cause: Michael Flowe

Community Members Present: Mary Derrick, Brad Gimbert and Michelle Gimbert

Others Present: Samantha Merkel

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 November 15, 2022, Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Fazio made a motion to accept the minutes as written, 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.
- The CD with Sandy Spring Bank has been rolled over at 3.15% for 7 months. The current balance is \$25,811.65.
- Trustees Derrick and Fazio finalized the draft budget for 2023 the Board voted to approve.
 - Re income: Increase in Pool Passes & Resale Packages, decrease in Interest.
 - Re Pool Expenditures: Decrease in pool maintenance and repair, decrease in furniture.
 - Re Grounds: Increase in general maintenance, decrease in tennis court maintenance.
 - Re Utilities: Increase in electricity, water and gas.
 - Re Admin costs: increase in contract and newsletter.
 - The remainder will stay the same as last year.
- Trustee Fazio strongly urged that we should increase the assessment for 2024 as costs keep rising.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio - Chairperson

- No report.

ACC Committee: Trustee Flowe – Chairperson – absent but notes provided.

- There was a meeting on December 1st. Eight items were closed. Six items are being monitored. Nine items are still in progress.
- Two items we are working with the County. Four we are waiting on permits and two were sent to the attorney.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver - Chairperson

- No Report

Governing Documents Committee: Trustee Beaver – Chairperson

- Still planning a vote at Annual Meeting to lift cap off Assessments and a few other changes.

Facilities Committee: Trustees Keating - Chairperson

- The swing on the playground has been repaired by a volunteer.
- Trustees Derrick and Keating and Brad Gimbert walked the pool grounds and discussed lighting at the pool and cameras.
- Looking to replace eleven LED wall packs of lighting around the pool and five lights in the bathrooms need to be replaced with LED lights.
- Trustee Keating spoke with an electrician and received a proposal.
- Looking to increase the cameras around the common grounds from eight to eleven.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick – Chairperson

- Proposing to increase the cost of extended Family and Guest Passes. Trustee Beaver made a motion to change the cost of Extended Family memberships to \$100, \$27.50 for five guest passes and \$112.50 for Mega Passes. Trustee Merrow seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith - Chairperson -absent but notes provided.

- The tree lighting event was successful. Suggestion was made to have a big screen next year with a Christmas movie playing.
- The Holiday Lights and Decorations will be judged this Saturday the 17th from 7-9 PM. Results will be posted on *Nextdoor*, on *MontplierOnline.org*, as well as the next Newsletter.
- No more events until Easter.

Swim Team Committee: Chairperson – Andy Reeves – absent but notes provided.

- The financial documents report is being updated and will be provided to the Board before the January 2023 meeting.
- In January the Committee will hold it's first meeting of the year to discuss coaching, the adopted swimmer policy and the mini marlins policy. These will be submitted to the Board, now that the new Board is in place, sometime prior to swim season.

Security Committee: Trustee Mason - ChairpersonCrimes in the Community

- There were no reported crimes in our community since our last MCA Board meeting. P.G. Police have reminded us that if a resident is in doubt about calling 911, make the call. Montpelier Nextdoor, our group email no longer automatically sends all messages to registered residents. You need to logon to "nextdoor.com" and read sent messages or wait for the bi-monthly Montpelier Today Newsletter for security information. The Security Committee reminds all residents to follow guidelines that our Division 6 Beltsville police provide us. Information from the other seven communities in South Laurel is forwarded as well.
- Welcome to Chris Tarbrake and Sterling Spangler who have joined the Security Committee. We work together to keep Montpelier safe.

Report of PG County Police, Division 6, Beltsville, MD:

- The new command staff is interested in keeping our community informed and safe. They remind us that they are still short staffed in the patrol division. Capt. Martin has been transferred to Division 6 and will oversee the Patrol Division. Hopefully, this will give greater priority to the patrol police.
- Capt. Danielle Selway continues to supervise the COPS Unit. She is an excellent communicator and will continue to provide us with guidelines so that Montpelier will continue to be safe. She reminds us that it is important for Montpelier residents to set the example by driving close to the 25 MPH speed limit. She also asks that we are courteous to other drivers and set the example for legal and safe driving.
- Mr. Timothy Jansen is the P.G. CEO of Community Crisis. He supervises domestic violence and suicides and encourages calls to their new hot line, 988. Their primary message is how to be safe, understanding mental health, and remember that "faith helps."

Citizens Advisory Council (CAC), Beltsville, MD:

- The P.G. Citizens Advisory Committee is now having in person meetings that will help us share valuable information and crimes in each community. We receive reports from Division 6 Command Staff at each meeting which are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Police also have special meetings that are announced on Nextdoor.

Report of Council Member Tom Dernoga's Office, P.G. County District 1:

- P.G. Councilman Tom Dernoga was reelected to his last term on the Council and was selected to be Chairman of the P.G. Council. We will continue to work with Councilman Dernoga and his primary staff, Michelle Garcia, Chief of Staff, and Jerri Jones, our representative.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus – Chairperson

- A couple of signs are down in the neighborhood and 311 tickets have been put in on them.
- There is water pooling at Montpelier and Claxton and a ticket was put on this as well.

Welcoming Committee – Christina Kposowa – absent but notes provided.

- Welcome packet revisions will begin soon. They will be shared with the Board.
- Waiting on a quote of branded dishtowels. Trustee Spangler said \$14 for each towel. He will reach out to Christina.

Old Business:

- The Engineering Study is in process.
- The proposed date for the 2023 Montpelier 5K is May 13, 2023.
- Samantha Merkel, present at the meeting, made a proposal to the Board. She would like to offer a program that would include 8 weeks of training, starting 8 weeks prior to the 5k and meeting once a week (maybe Tuesdays at 6pm). It will be open to all levels of runners and walkers in the Montpelier Community. She will send a copy of her insurance policy and waiver.
 - Trustee Beaver made a motion to approve the program pending the insurance is acceptable. Trustee Mason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business:

- We need to get landscaping invoices from M&J.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Deerfield Run Rec Center. Trustee Keating made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM and was seconded by Trustee Arzayus. The motion passed unanimously.