

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Deerfield Run Recreation Center
April 11, 2023

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

Trustees absent with cause: Michael Flowe and Richard Mason

Community Members Present: Loyd Cassler, Mary Derrick, Michele Einolf, Michelle Gimbert, Christina Kposowa, Alex Soroka 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

- The minutes of the March 14, 2023, Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Keating made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Trustee Beaver seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Trustee Fazio – Chairperson

- Monthly financial statements have been sent out to the Trustees.
- Our insurance has gone up by \$2,325. The agent said insurance rates have gone up all over due to an increased number of claims (but not from MCA).
- Income taxes have been filed. No state or federal taxes were due.
- 2023 Assessments: There is still \$35,963 still outstanding, eleven of these are long-term amounting to \$14,134. Those in arrears will be turn over to the attorney.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio - Chairperson

- The courts need to be cleaned off. Facilities will ask the Landscaper to do it.
- We are still dealing with the cracks and will need to seriously obtain a few bids to rebuild the courts from the ground up (that was the recommendation from the maintenance company).
- There was a discussion regarding pickleball and possibly dedicating one full court to only pickleball lines when the courts are redone. No decision reached at this time.

ACC Committee: Trustee Flowe – Chairperson – absent – Report given by Trustee Keating

- The April meeting was held last week. One owner came in to discuss renovating their garage. 2 were sent second letters, 7 items were closed, 1 is being fined and sent to the attorney. One is being sent a Cease & Desist letter, 1 (firewood issue) is with the County. We are following up on one regarding an unleashed dog, 1 we are waiting for a permit. 2 new requests were received.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver – Chairperson

- No Report.

Governing Documents Committee: Trustee Beaver – Chairperson

- No Reports.

Facilities Committee: Trustees Keating - Chairperson

- The hole to repair the plumbing in the office has been closed. Both bathroom sink/countertop renovation are underway. The sinks are gone, and the tentative installation date is next Thursday for sinks, faucets, lights (inside and outside). Friday or the following Monday the plumber will return to hook them up.
- The mirrors and paper towel holders will be installed when everything else is done.
- We have new basketball and soccer nets that will be installed.
- The wrought iron railing as you walk into the pool was wire brushed and repainted.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick – Chairperson

- Six ½ weeks until the pool opens. The pool has been drained, acid washed and refilled.
- The new awning warranty is 5 years for the motor, 10 years for the fabric and 15 years for the frame.
- There is no delivery date for the slide yet, but it should be sometime in April.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith – Chairperson - absent

- Saturday, May 20th will be the community yard sale. So far 8 people have signed up and a map will be produced and distributed to those doing the yard sale.
- The Memorial Day Picnic at the pool will be on Monday, May 29th at 5pm. Lisa Smith is looking for volunteers. Like the last couple of years, the Community will provide hamburgers/hot dogs, chips and a drink.

Swim Team Committee: Chairperson – Andy Reeves – absent – E-Mail read:

- The first Swim Team Committee meeting was held on 26 March. The committee consists of 7 community members.
- There is no car wash date set for this year.
- Mandi Armand (Treasurer) and Andy Reeves (Team Manager) successfully turned over with Lynne Collman and Allison Kern as joint owners on the Marlin PNC bank account.
- The 2023 head coach will be Mr. Jair Jackson. He is a long time, highly successful Marlin swimmer who just finished a successful first season at St. Mary's College.
- Assistant coaches will be selected soon.
- More detailed information will be posted in the upcoming Montpelier Today Newsletter.
- Input has been received from Swim Team and Pool Committee members on the Adopted Swimmer policy. They will now be vetted and incorporated and provided to the Board of Trustees.
- The first Princemont Swim League meeting was held last night. The divisions for 2023 have not yet been determined. Teams and locations of meets will be provided once they are determined.
- Swim Team Schedule
 - Pool opens – Memorial Day
 - Practice begins – May 30 (TBD)
 - Time Trials – June 10 (Montpelier Pool)
 - Meet 1 – June 17
 - Meet 2 – June 24
 - Meet 3 – July 1
 - Meet 4 – July 8
 - Laurel Invitational (Projected – July 9 at Fairland)
 - Meet 5 – July 15
 - Divisionals – July 22 (TBD)
 - All-Stars – July 29 - Away

Security Committee: Trustee Mason – Chairperson – absent Chris Tarbrake presenting.

Crimes in the Community

- There were no reported crimes in Montpelier since our last Board Meeting. Thanks go out to P.G. County Police for their information being provided and for the residents for reading and following this advice. For immediate security issues or concerns please report by calling 911. For non-emergency situations in the community, you can report it by calling 311 or using the PGC311 app.

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

- The Division 6 Community Oriented Police Services (COPS) can be reached at (301) 937-0910 or via e-mail at Police_District6@co.pg.md.us

Citizens Advisory Council (CAC), Beltsville, MD:

- The monthly meeting was held on 3/30/23. Car thefts are still a problem with Hyundai/Kia models, software updates are being pushed out by manufacturers. The Police have reported a vehicle with software updates have recently deterred theft.
- A Blood drive event sponsored by The American Red Cross “Residents for a Better Beltsville”, will be held on 4/19/23 from 12 – 5 pm at the Roll Call Room 13201 Konterra Drive, Laurel, MD 20707.
- Security Chairman for the South Laurel Community will continue to share reports of criminal activity with the other communities. This information will be posted on Montpelier Nextdoor. The next CAC meeting will be on 4/27/23 at 7pm at the Calverton Shopping Center, 11603 Beltsville Drive, Beltsville, MD 20705.

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

- Councilman Dernoga and his staff are readily available to discuss community issues. Michelle Garcia, Chief of Staff and Jerri Jones, Special Assistant can be reached at (301) 952-3887.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus – Chairperson

- Potholes are being noted and 311 requests are being put in.
- There are two missing signs, and 311 requests will be put in.
- The Right Tree Program is coming in April to replace marked trees.
- Gloria Hynes has offered to ride around the neighborhood with the Right Tree Program people.
- The 5K is one month away. There are 26 people signed up so far. Information will be in the next newsletter.

Welcoming Committee – Christina Kposowa

- Updated documents for the welcoming packet have been emailed to Michelle and Trustee Beaver for their review.
- Still working on the dishtowel and mug search with our MCA logo on them.

Old Business:

- The Engineering Reserve Fund study is in progress.
- A *Colonial Color* palate is being produced.
- The playground equipment refurbishment parts acquisition is underway.

New Business:

- Gloria is working with a gardening outlet to get a 25% discount on plants for MCA.
- Mulch needs to be put in the butterfly garden. Facilities Chair will request from our landscaper.
- Another new bench was built and donated to the butterfly garden (Thank you Joe Smith!).
- A car hit the fence near the Montpelier entrance sign and took out the historic sign at the entrance to the neighborhood. Volunteers recovered the pieces and Brad Gimbert is looking into having it welded back together and reinstalled. The white fence section will also have to be replaced.

- Trustee Derrick is working with the attorney about changing the Covenants/Bylaws to see if it was done properly the last time to decide what needs to be done going forward to remove the assessment cap.
- A homeowner was in attendance regarding some ACCC issues with his house that need to be worked on looking for an extension, the members of the ACC Committee that were present authorized him a 30-day extension.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Deerfield Run Community Center. Trustee Keating made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 PM and was seconded by Trustee Arzayus. The motion passed unanimously.