

**MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**Deerfield Run Recreation Center**  
**May 9, 2023**

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

**Trustees absent with cause:** Sean Beaver

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

**Others Present:** Collin Breidenbach with Right Tree Right Place Program

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 April 11, 2023, Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Keating made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Trustee Flowe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

- Monthly financial statements have been sent out to the Trustees.
- Nationwide Insurance premium has been paid.
- The check mailed out to M&J has not been cashed and was credited back to our accounts. Michelle will reach out to Manny to see what is going on.
- 2023 Assessments: There is still 31 unpaid Members with around \$27,000 is still outstanding.

**Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio - Chairperson**

- No report.

**ACC Committee: Trustee Flowe – Chairperson**

- The May meeting was held last week. 5 each matters were closed, 1 opened a ticket with 311 regarding a dog roaming around off leash. 3 requests were approved, 6 are continuing to be monitored and 2 are on hold. We had 2 notifications and 2 waiting for permits. There was a request for a dumpster on Pleasant Court to clear the land to start building a new home.

**Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver – Chairperson - absent**

- Swim team information on the website has been updated.

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

- We are still waiting to hear back from the attorney on raising the cap on the assessment.

**Facilities Committee: Trustees Keating - Chairperson**

- Renovations to the bathrooms at the pool have been completed. The sinks, faucets, paper towel holders, etc. have all been installed. The pipes behind the sinks and the traps were rusted out and leaking so they were also replaced.
- Some of the new LED lighting has been installed and the rest will be installed when they are delivered. The hole over last years plumbing repairs in the office has been covered and painted.
- The new basketball nets have been put up but the new soccer nets were too large. New custom nets have been purchased and should be in soon.

- The bathroom and electrical upgrades would have cost the Association \$27,305.10 but all but \$2,073.10 was donated, thanks to Trustee Keating and his contractors.
- Thanks goes out to Gloria and Mary Hynes for doing the paper work so MCA could get a discount and for picking out all the flowers and trees for the common grounds and overseeing the planting.
- A quote for new shower heads and handles as well as fixing the hose bibs in the men's room will be submitted to the Board.

**Pool Committee: Mary Derrick – Chairperson**

- The slide was delivered on May 1<sup>st</sup>, but they did not have a liftgate as requested. They were scheduled to return on Thursday with it on a flat bed. Unfortunately, the slide ended up in Atlanta. It should be delivered by the end of the week.

**Social Committee: Lisa Smith – Chairperson - absent**

- Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> will be the community yard sale. Signs will be put up around the neighborhood on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. So far 20 homes have signed up.
- The Memorial Day Picnic at the pool will be on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Volunteers are always welcome. The Association will give out hamburgers/hot dogs, chips and drinks and maybe more.

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

- Swim team registration is underway and updated information is on the Montpelier website.
- They will be using *TeamSnap* again this year.
- There have been a couple of league meetings so far. The Marlins will be in Division C this year and the first 3 meets will be home meets.
- A great coaching staff has been secured.
- The Adopt A Swimmer plan has been written up and revised and sent to the Executive Committee.
- They are looking for a new way to display team and individual records that can be easily updated.
- They may need to investigate hosting the Laurel Invitation Meet at our pool instead of at Fairland. Possibly on a Sunday morning.

**Security Committee: Trustee Mason – Chairperson**

Crimes in the Community

- There was a car stolen from the 8800 block of Oxwell Lane on May 1<sup>st</sup>. They left their car running and went back into the house to retrieve something and came back and their car was gone.
- Beltsville Police reported auto thefts and catalytic converter thefts in the 7 other South Laurel areas last month.

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

- The police are emphasizing the importance of timely communications from P.G. County Police to the Security Committee and to our community. Cpl. Fraser and Captain Selway of Beltsville Police COPS unit are in regular contact with the Security Committee.

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

- Councilman Dernoga is now President of the P.G. County Council. He is in a good position to represent District 1 and has more opportunity to accomplish his plan. Councilman Dernoga and Trustee Mason can be contacted with any suggestions for improvement in P.G. County. Jerri Jones has been promoted and we will find out soon who our new POC for Mr. Dernoga's office will be.
- Chris T. will post all security issues on Nextdoor and Trustee Mason can get together with Trustee Beaver to work on the plan for an email communication for the community.
- There will be a COPS meeting for P.G. County tomorrow at 10 am at the Laurel Senior Center.

**Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus – Chairperson**

- There are many homes with a lot of vehicles parked on the curb making it difficult for walkers and runners, especially on narrow streets. Please be aware as you drive down these streets and keep an eye out for walkers and runners.

**Welcoming Committee – Christina Kposowa**

- Revisions to the Welcome Packet have been completed by Trustee Beaver and Michelle and submitted for review. The items have been organized in order of importance in the event they don't read through everything.
- Dish towel research was presented along with a couple of samples. Mugs can also be considered. They are fairly inexpensive as well. Information will be provided to the Board via email.

**Old Business:**

- The Engineering Reserve Fund study has gone to ETC Engineering for a quote for their services. They will review the facilities to see what needs to be maintained and what shape everything is in to determine if dues of \$325 a year are sufficient to maintain the facilities going forward.
- We are still waiting for parts for the playground equipment.
- The house at the end of Mount Pleasant, with many piles of firewood, was discussed as many complaints have come in about it being a nuisance. The Architectural, Control and Compliance Committee has agreed to send a Cease-and-Desist letter requiring the homeowner to attend the next meeting to discuss this matter and implement fines if needed.

**New Business:**

- The path around the playground has bamboo sprouting up and should be addressed.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Deerfield Run Community Center. Trustee Flowe made a motion to adjourn at 9:09 PM and was seconded by Trustee Mellow. The motion passed unanimously.