

# Montpelier Community Association, Inc.

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Deerfield Community Center April 8, 2008

**Trustees in Attendance:** Minnie Clark Lamar, Julia Coldren Walker, Patricia Douville, Sandy Martin, Paul Petit, Terry Rowland, and Kendra Wagner

**Trustees Absent with Cause:** Patricia Eisenberg

**Community Members Present:** Mary Hughes, Ronald Shoupe, Chris Harris, Paul McCullagh, Marcia Segura, John Martin, Eric Brown deColstoun, Mary Derrick, Bob Derrick, Paul Buehler, Tony Fleming, Richard Dengler, Jeri Witt.

President Kendra Wagner called the meeting to order at 8:10. There was a quorum present to conduct business.

**Secretary's Report:** Kendra Wagner

The March, 2008 minutes were read and a motion was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Petit to accept the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The financial report was distributed to all trustees by Ms. Witt (see attached).

**Administrative Assistant Report:** Mary Hughes

There are five people interested in the gate attendant position. Trustee Petit made a motion to set the hourly rate at \$10 an hour. The motion was seconded by Trustee Coldren-Walker and approved with Trustee Rowland opposed. The hours for pool operation and updated pool rules are needed by April 15 for inclusion in the next newsletter. The pool rules will be distributed to the trustees for final approval before publication. ACTION REQUIRED.

**Committee Reports:**

**ACCC:** Marcia Segura, Chair

There was no meeting due to lack of quorum present at the April meeting. The next meeting is May 1.

**Facilities:** Paul Petit, Chair

Mr. Petit reported that the pool parking lot is in very bad shape. Mr. Dengler reported that he and Mr. Derrick will report on this at the next meeting. ACTION REQUIRED. Mr. Petit is also concerned about the condition of the baseball backstop. Ms. Witt suggested that the parking lot could be made smaller because it is rarely full and this could save some money. Mr. Petit would like to include a notice in the next newsletter requesting volunteers for some beautification and facilities work. ACTION REQUIRED.

**Pool Committee:** Paul Buehler, Chair

Mr. Buehler gave Trustee Wagner a copy of the pool contract with Lighthouse Pools for her review and signature. He will distribute a copy to all board members for a final review via email. ACTION REQUIRED. Mr. Buehler will contact Lighthouse about dropping the contract to three guards instead of four guards because they are not rotating through the gate. ACTION REQUIRED. He estimated this savings to be about \$3,300. A report will be received every two weeks which will list the credit hours and guard hours. Mr. Buehler will get a new contract and distribute it to all with the new guard numbers and cost. The board will then make a final decision in two days. Mr. Buehler asked if the board would make a decision on the high dive. Trustee Rowland made a motion to forego the high dive for this year.

Trustee Coldren-Walker seconded. The current insurance does not cover a high dive and Mr. Buehler found insurance for \$12,000 but it was pointed out that it did not cover the rest of the common grounds. Trustee Coldren-Walker counted the responses on the yahoo group to be 43 against and 15 for the high dive. This is not an official tally because many members do not use the group list. Following the discussion, the motion to forego the high dive for this year passed unanimously.

Ms. Witt addressed the board and the pool chairman clarifying the funding of the reserve account. There have been statements made that the board over-funded the reserve account last year because \$30,000 was deposited in the account. She explained that in 2006 nothing was put in the reserve fund because there was such a high outlay of money for repairs at the pool. However, the accountants made clear that by law, the reserve account must be funded every year. Therefore, in 2007 an amount equal to the 2006 and 2007 funding was deposited in the reserve account. Ms. Witt also explained that any money left over at the end of the year is not deposited in the reserve account, but stays in the operational account.

Mr. Buehler received proposals for new fencing in front of the pool which would tie into the basketball court. The proposals were not available for review but ranged in price from \$5,000-\$12,000. They included a gate into the basketball court but did not include steps which would be needed to enter the court. That cost would be included in a landscaping proposal. It was suggested that the pool committee bring all of the proposed improvements and needed repairs to the board so that projects can be prioritized and budgeted. Mr. Derrick reported that the fencing is at the end of its useful life according to the engineering report. **ACTION REQUIRED.**

**Social Committee:** Susan Mathis, Chair  
The yard sale is May 17, 2008.

**Security Committee:** Richard Dengler, Chair

Mr. Dengler reported that there was a major drug bust at Twin Hill and Mt. Pleasant. He discussed putting up street lights along the wooded side and estimated the cost to be \$1200-\$1500. A light is going to be installed to illuminate the playground area. **ACTION REQUIRED.** He also recommended that the bushes be removed in front of the snack bar, gate and bath house. He will coordinate with Trustees Petit and Eisenberg. **ACTION REQUIRED.**

**ACTION ITEMS:** (Items held over from other meetings)

VP: Insurance was secured.

Pool: It was decided to repair the concrete with skim coating as we do not have time for extensive repairs before pool opens. Lighthouse thinks that it will pass inspection. Pump reconditioning being done – cost around \$500.00  
Guards at swim team practices – Jeannene O’Neil is a certified lifeguard and will be at all practices. She will speak to Lighthouse about being a “fill-in” guard. A motion was made to accept her as the interim swim team chair. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. June 16 will start the morning practices and reported that some children might need to have an evening practice time twice a week.  
Outside showers – working on bids.

Facilities: Bike Rack will be up by time pool opens.  
Criscuoli’s – held over until next meeting.

Landscaping: Trustee Eisenberg absent.

Security: Emergency broadcast system, video security system, and blog. Radios have not been purchased yet

Communications: Mr. Fleming secured a new hosting service after the company was sold. He is working on enhancements.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Comments from Members:**

Mr. McCullagh thanked the board for their work on behalf of the community. He reported that he had received several complaints that beer was brought into an MCA community meeting in a county building. He was concerned that this jeopardized the community's standing and relationship with the county. Trustee Wagner said that she had also received complaints. Trustee Wagner made a motion to remove the member from the chair position of the committee. Trustee Rowland seconded the motion. Trustee Douville suggested that a statement that no alcoholic beverages were allowed in any MCA meeting would be sufficient action. The motion passed with Trustee Douville against and Trustee Petit abstaining.

Trustee Coldren-Walker made a motion to appoint Ms. Witt, who recently resigned from the board, as interim treasurer until a new trustee is selected. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. ACTION REQUIRED.

Trustee Douville stated that an interim pool chair should be appointed. After discussion, it was decided that the pool committee would make their recommendation for chairperson to the executive committee. ACTION REQUIRED.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 6:45** at Deerfield Recreation Center, preschool room. The motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:40 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.