

Chartley Homeowners Association

Minutes for Board Meeting - - March 09, 2021

President Mary Molinaro called the virtual meeting to order at 7 pm.

Board and Committee members in attendance: (1) Joe Ganem, (2) Mary Molinaro, (3) Mary Muth, (4) Dave Powers, (5) Ernie Schmidhauser, (6) Betsy Sloan, (7) Jack Sloan, (8) Anne Yambor, (9) Chris Yambor, and (10) Dan Palich. Two guests participated: (1) Joe Kirby and (2) Lawrence Van Horn.

The Board approved the minutes for the Board Meeting of February 09, 2021.

Officer Reports

President - - Mary Molinaro

- Mary introduced Lawrence Van Horn. Lawrence is a candidate for VP of CHA in the upcoming election.
- A resident sent Mary an email message expressing concern about the turn arrow at the intersection of Main Street and Chartley Drive. Mary recounted the background and the efforts to persuade Maryland to implement a comprehensive fix. Mary said she will not give up and will continue her efforts to obtain a satisfactory solution at that intersection.

Vice President - - Ernie Schmidhauser - - Ernie recommended that the Board have a special meeting to develop the budget for 2021-2022. He also discussed the need for CHA to increase membership and develop an additional fundraiser.

Treasurer - - Joe Ganem

- State Farm Charities donated \$500 to CHA.
- Membership is 163. COVID caused CHA to cancel last year's NNO and crab feast. Special events such as those traditionally provide a boost to membership. For example, NNO gives CHA the opportunity to operate a booth and recruit members.
- The comment on membership led to a lengthy discussion about membership and the reason for the decline. The Board made two decisions:
 1. Joe will research using Venmo so members can pay dues electronically.
 2. Anne and Chris will deliver the Chatter to new residents. They will include a note explaining CHA to the new residents.

Secretary - - Dan Palich - - No new issues to report.

Immediate Past President - - Mary Muth - - No new issues to report.

Committee Reports

Block Captains - - Mary will send Anne a complete list of block captains plus their route,

Membership - - Betsy Sloan - - No new issues to report.

Newsletter - - Jack Sloan

- The cutoff for articles for the March eChatter is March 9.
- Jack has had extensive discussions with Hannah More concerning their ability to print the April Chatter. Hannah More can corner-staple the Chatter, but it cannot saddle-staple. The Board decided the Chatter must be saddle-stapled because corner-stapling would impede handling by block captains. Moreover, saddle-stapling has a more professional appearance.
- RUMC printed the January Chatter. RUMC did the printing in grayscale rather than traditional black ink. Jack will contact RUMC to find out if it can print in traditional black ink and the cost for doing so.
- Three advertisers are in arrears. The total amount is \$224. Jack will follow up.
- Jack handles the Chartley signs at the entrances to the community. Mary asked Jack to contact the sign vendor to determine the cost of signs to announce special events such as the stream cleanup and NNO. The priority is to obtain a sign for the April 3 stream cleanup.

Police Issues & Police Community Relations - - Dave Powers

- The Police Community Relations Council (PCRC) met on February 17. Captain Buckingham reported several issues.
 - There was a smash and grab at Chartley Liquors on February 14. Cigarettes and liquor were stolen.
 - There was a carjacking at Foundry Row. The police made an arrest and recovered the vehicle.
 - Police are looking for a package thief operating in this precinct. Police have not identified the thief; however, police have obtained photos taken by doorbell cameras.
 - Two vehicles that were left unattended while being warmed were stolen in Newtown. No arrests or recoveries have been made.
 - There has been a surge in thefts from unlocked cars.
 - Thieves have been stealing catalytic converters from parked cars throughout the county.
 - The Captain gave an update on the efforts to install speed humps on Central Avenue. The fire department has opposed the effort because it says the humps will slow response times and create wear & tear on fire vehicles. Nevertheless, the project is continuing. The plan is to replace the existing four stop signs with eight speed humps. To be implemented, 75 percent of Central Avenue residents must sign the petition.

The next PCRC meeting is March 16.

- Crime data are still unavailable. The reporting sites have been shut down since September 2020. On a positive note, Dave discovered one site which has potential. Dave has asked the police department to coordinate with this site. Dave said the approval process will be lengthy because it will require several approvals within the county.
- A burglary occurred February 22 in the 200 block of Highmeadow Road.

Real Estate - - Mary Muth

- Mary provided the Chartley sales report for January 1-March 9.
- Chartley selling prices continue to be high and days on the market low.

Reisterstown Main Street - - Mary Molinaro

- COVID will prevent the summer concert series, the beer & wine festival, and the Bloomin' ArtFest in 2021. The farmers market appeared likely to occur; however, the County has not been able to issue a permit because of the ransomware attack. If the County is unable to issue a permit, the committee will seek an alternative site.
- Main Street has received new grants of \$180,000, \$80,000, and \$30,000. The grants of \$80,000 and \$30,000 are for facade improvements.
- The new pocket park will open in the May-June timeframe.
- On March 27, Main Street will hold a spring extravaganza featuring street activities for families. Main Street shops will be open.

Scholarship - - Chris Yambor - - Franklin High has received at least one application. Chris will go to the school to get it.

Webmaster - - Chris Yambor

- Mary asked Chris to work with Joe so residents can pay CHA dues via the website.
- Chris will post the updated calendar of events on the website. He also will write an article about the website for the April Chatter.

Special Events - - Ernie Schmidhauser

- Stream Cleanup
 - The cleanup will occur April 3 from 9 am until 12 noon.
 - Ernie and Jack are developing a flyer for distribution on Chartley Drive and Highmeadow Road.
 - Ernie will work with Jack and Mary to send an email to residents.
 - Ernie has announced the event to ROG and RIA. In addition, Dan posted the cleanup on the website of the Chesapeake Alliance.
 - Jimmy Roberts has volunteered to haul the cleanup debris to the dump.
- National Night Out (NNO) will be held August 3 at the Chartley Shopping Center. Ernie has invited 30 organizations and community groups to participate.
- Ernie signed a contract for the crab feast. It will be held October 16 at the American Legion Post #116, from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm.

- In past years, "Dining at Reter's" has been a fundraiser for CHA. Since COVID has hurt the restaurant industry, Ernie suggested that CHA promote "Dining at Reter's" this spring but without a donation from Brad Reter to CHA. This would be CHA's way of saying thank you to Brad for his generosity in the past. The Board agreed, and Ernie will talk to Brad.

Special Event - - Dave Powers - - Dave has applied to the County to hold a cleanup of household waste material plus electronics recycling material. If approved by the county, the event will be held 9 am – 12 noon behind the old Mars Food Store.

Old Business & New Business - - Deferred until April meeting.

The March 9 meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Written by Dan Palich, Secretary