

Chartley Homeowners Association

Minutes for Board Meeting - - September 8, 2020

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

The following Board members sent pixels to the Zoom meeting: (1) Joe Ganem, (2) Mary Molinaro, (3) Dave Powers, (4) Ernie Schmidhauser, (5) Betsy Sloan, (6) Jack Sloan, (7) Jim Stanton, (8) Anne Yambor, (9) Chris Yambor, and (10) Dan Palich.

The Board approved the minutes for the Board Meeting of August 11, 2020.

Officer Reports

President - - Mary Molinaro

Vice President - - Ernie Schmidhauser

- Ernie has been going door-to-door on his street (Highmeadow Road) to discuss with nearby residents the benefits of joining CHA. Ernie developed a handout, which he shared with the Board.
- The meeting of the Police and Community Relations Council (PCRC) was moved from September 15 to September 22. CHA will present a certificate of appreciation to Sergeant William Ledley, but Sergeant Ledley will not be available if the meeting is held on September 15. Captain Buckingham suggested a change to September 22; CHA and Kiwanis quickly agreed.

Treasurer - - Joe Ganem

- Sixty families joined CHA shortly after delivery of the July Chatter.
- CHA will not meet the income projections in the budget because COVID-19 caused a cancellation of the crab feast. Joe analyzed the issue and concluded CHA does not need to act immediately. We will revisit the issue in the spring.
- Mary will include an article in the October Chatter encouraging members to donate to CHA to support CHA during this period of financial uncertainty.

Secretary - - Dan Palich - - Izzy Patoka held a town hall meeting last week to explain his decisions in the Comprehensive Zoning Map Process (CZMP). Dan has a video of that presentation if Board members want to watch it. Mary reported the outcome of the CZMP. That discussion is in the "Reisterstown Main Street" section of these minutes.

Committee Reports

Block Captains -- Bill Yurcik has volunteered to fill the vacancy and deliver the Chatter to part of Homevale, including the courts.

Membership -- Betsy Sloan -- The new year began July 1 and membership has reached 129.

Newsletter -- Jack Sloan

- The cutoff for the September eChatter is today.
- The cutoff for the October Chatter is October 13.
- All advertisers, but one, have paid their bill. Jack will follow up with the one that has not yet paid.

Police Representative/COP -- Dave Powers

- In August, Chartley had two crimes (one destruction of property on Shirley Manor and one unarmed robbery on Bond).
- The year-to-date total is 24 compared to 40 for the same period last year. Last August was a high month for crime. We had 16 crimes in August 2019, including 11 thefts from unlocked vehicles.
- At the August Board meeting, we discussed the incident in which a group of teens ran wild on Deacon Brook. One of the teens ran onto a porch and kicked the door of a house on Deacon Brook. Dave investigated and learned the family did not report the incident to the police.

Police Community Relations -- Dave Powers

- On August 18, the PCRC held its first meeting since the pandemic started.
- Captain Buckingham has made getting dirt bikes off the street a major issue. He wants residents to call 911 if they see dirt bikes riding in our community. He asked residents to try to get a description and take photos. He wants the photos sent directly to him.
- There were two homicides, neither in Chartley. One occurred in the Richmar complex. The other occurred at the gas station at Franklin Blvd. and Reisterstown Road.
- There has been a rash of thefts of front license plates. Check your car often and call 911 if the plate has been stolen.
- The B & B at 34 Hanover Road has been having wild, loud parties. The police have been called often. Mary said the owner has received a cease and desist order from Baltimore County. That should end the problem.
- As Ernie reported earlier, Sergeant Ledley will receive a certificate of appreciation for his fine work. Dave described some of Sergeant Ledley's accomplishments.

Real Estate -- Mary Muth sent the most recent real estate report. Three houses are pending sale in Chartley.

Reisterstown Main Street - - Mary Molinaro

- Baltimore County recently completed the CZMP. Mary highlighted the issues affecting our area (District 2) plus some issues from nearby District 4. Both Izzy Patoka (District 2) and Julian Jones (District 4) gave great weight to the input they received from residents and local organizations. One of the more significant issues involved development on Stocksdale Avenue. The County approved zoning changes that will limit the density of new housing in that area. The local community supported that decision due to the narrow streets in that area.
- The zoning variance was denied for the proposed housing development behind Wawa. The developer withdrew his civil action and the matter is now closed.
- The Farmers Market completed a successful season on August 30.
- Discussions are underway for a community event on Main Street for Halloween - - no marching or costumes, but perhaps decorations along Main Street.
- A community garden will be planted by the RIA office.
- The Heritage Trail will be extended to Saint Luke's Church. Before that can happen, some logistics issues must be addressed (such as the narrow sidewalk and narrow roadbed on Bond Avenue).

Resident Complaint Procedure - - Dave Powers - - As discussed at the August Board meeting, Dave revised the form to remove the provision that says CHA will investigate each complaint. Under the new procedure, CHA will send valid complaints to Code Enforcement. The new version will be printed in the October Chatter. After the Board meeting, Dave sent the new form to Board members.

Scholarship - - Chris Yambor will write an article about the scholarship program for the October Chatter.

Smoke/CO₂ Detector - - Jim Stanton - - Activity is on hold due because COVID-19 prevents entry into houses to install the devices.

Webmaster - - Chris will develop a survey for the web site. The survey will try to determine why some residents do not join CHA and what it might take to get them to join.

Zoning & Traffic - - Jim Stanton - - A residence in Chartley is reported to be raising chickens in the back yard. If anyone sees the chickens, please inform Jim.

Special Events - - The stream cleanup will be conducted September 12. Dan explained how the process will operate. Dan also will write an article for the October Chatter. Ernie explained the purpose of the heavy equipment on the section east of Sacred Heart Lane. That is the section most recently restored. Some of the prior work has eroded and is being repaired this month (September). Ernie also reported that the person who hauls away the bags of trash is not available on September 12. Jimmy Roberts has volunteered to handle the job.

Old Business

- Mary discussed the need to develop a fund raiser for the spring.
- Ernie reported that the National Night Out in 2021 will be more costly because of the need for spot-a-pots and chair rentals.

New Business -- None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Written by Dan Palich, Secretary