

# Chartley Homeowners Association

## Minutes for Board Meeting - - February 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) Dave Powers, (4) Ernie Schmidhauser, (5) Betsy Sloan, (6) Jack Sloan, (7) Anne Yambor, (8) Chris Yambor, and (9) Dan Palich. Two guests participated: (1) Joe Kirby and (2) Kaycee Wright.

The Board approved the minutes for the Board Meeting of January 12, 2021.

### Officer Reports

#### **President - - Mary Molinaro**

- Mary complimented neighbors in the Chartley community. Chartley had two recent snowfalls, and Mary observed, and heard stories of, neighbors helping neighbors remove snow from sidewalks and driveways.
- Over 74,000 Baltimore County residents have received the COVID vaccine. Of that number, 26,000 have been vaccinated by the health department. The county has received 205,000 registrations.
- Izzy Patoka sent the Governor a letter with 5 suggestions to improve the vaccination process.
- Constellation Energy announced a program that awards \$500 grants to community organizations. Dan will apply for a \$500 grant for CHA's scholarship program.
- Buddy and Tina Asher's daughter-in-law Elizabeth Sara Asher passed away on February 3 in Massachusetts. Sympathy cards can be sent to Buddy and Tina at 107 Brunk Road. Mary will send a card from CHA. Here is a link to the obituary: <https://www.milesfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Elizabeth-Asher/#!/Obituary> . Memorial donations can be made to support Crohn's and Colitis research. The address is in the obituary.

#### **Vice President - - Ernie Schmidhauser**

- Ernie explained the reason the January 2021 Chatter was printed in grayscale. The JCC has been the printer for the Chatter, but Jack recently (and suddenly and unexpectedly) learned the JCC has permanently ceased printing. For the following 2 weeks, Mary, Betsy, Jack, and Joe searched for a replacement printer. Eventually, Betsy persuaded the Reisterstown United Methodist Church (RUMC) to print the January Chatter. RUMC had a delay because they had to purchase paper and toner. RUMC charged \$500, compared to the normal JCC charge of \$300.

- The stream cleanup will be April 3 from 9 am until 12 noon. Volunteers will meet in the usual spot (the bridge between Chartley Drive and Highmeadow Road). The cleanup was announced in the January 2021 Chatter. Ernie has written an article for the upcoming eChatter, plus he has publicized the cleanup with ROG and RIA. The next step is to arrange for pickup of debris and possibly distribute a flyer.
- National Night Out (NNO) will be held August 3 at the Chartley Shopping Center. Ernie held the kickoff planning meeting on January 26. The next meeting will be February 23 to discuss "How NNO can be socially responsible." Permits from police, fire department, and health department are on hold because of COVID. Finally, Ernie has applied for a grant from the Baltimore Community Fund.
- The CHA crab feast will be October 16 at the American Legion Post #116. Contract signing is scheduled for February 18. Dave added that the building capacity is 160; however, COVID will limit the size to 80.
- Roland Greenwalt Jr. died at age 53 on January 4 in Alabama. Roland was the son of Lynn Greenwalt, former crossing guard at Chartley Drive and Osan Road. Twenty-six Chartley residents contributed a total of \$320 in Roland's memory to Folds of Honor.

**Treasurer** -- Joe Ganem -- Financial activity has been normal. Joe has revised the donation classification so we can distinguish corporate donations from private donations.

**Secretary** -- Dan Palich -- No new items to report.

### Committee Reports

**Block Captains** -- Anne Yambor reported that the January 2021 Chatters have been delivered to residents. Anne plans to send an email message to block captains to let them know she is the contact point for delivery issues.

**Membership** -- Betsy Sloan -- The current year began July 1, 2020, and membership has reached 157. (Last year's membership at year end was 184.) The next membership year begins July 1, 2021.

**Newsletter** -- Jack Sloan

- The cutoff for articles for the February eChatter is February 9. The cutoff for the April Chatter is March 29. The April Chatter will contain the names of nominees for vacancies on the Board.
- RUMC is the likely printer for the April Chatter, although Jack plans to contact Hannah More as well as others to determine their availability and price. RUMC charged \$500 to print the January 2021 Chatter, compared to the normal JCC cost of \$300. It is highly unlikely we will find a printer that charges a rate comparable to the JCC. Regardless of the printer selected, Mary asked that the April Chatter be printed in traditional black ink on white paper rather than grayscale.

### **Police Issues & Police Community Relations - - Dave Powers**

- The Police Community Relations Council (PCRC) met on January 19. Captain Buckingham reported several issues.
  - The AT&T store in the 10000 block of Reisterstown Road was broken into. Arrests have been made.
  - Hannah More was broken into by a homeless person. An arrest has been made.
  - Drivers are disregarding stop signs on Central Avenue. Activity is underway to attempt to replace the four stop signs with brick-top speed humps. A petition is underway to gather the necessary 75 percent of resident signatures.
  - Traffic calming devices (speed humps) are being installed on Tarragon Road.
  - Residents are reporting abandoned autos and illegal parking in the Ballard Green Community of Owings Mills. The Outreach Team and Traffic Team are working with Code Enforcement to address the matter.
  - Police have received reports of cars racing on Gwynnwest Road and in the Timbergrove Community. Captain Buckingham has assigned a team of officers to focus on this issue.
  - Crime in Precinct 3 is lower than in neighboring precincts.

The next PRCC meeting will be February 16.

- Crime data are still unavailable. The reporting sites have been shut down since September 2020.

### **Real Estate - - Mary Muth sent the real estate report.**

- From January 1-February 9, 2021, Chartley had 3 sales. The average amount was \$315,000.
- Four houses are on the market today. All four already are under contract. In addition, one house is "coming soon."

### **Reisterstown Main Street - - Mary Molinaro**

- The farmers market will likely return this summer and operate with the same social distancing as 2020. The Main Street Cleanup and the Franklin Woodland Trails will also continue to operate. Unfortunately, the summer concert series, the beer & wine festival, and the Bloomin' ArtFest are unlikely to occur 2021 because it is not practical to hold large, crowded events and still adhere to social distancing guidelines.
- Two grand openings will likely occur in September - - (1) The grand opening of the Welcome Center and (2) the grand opening of the Franklin Woodland Trails.

**Scholarship** - - Chris Yambor reported that he has received one application. Chris will contact the guidance department at Franklin High to remind them about the CHA scholarship program.

**Smoke/CO Detector** - - No new issues. COVID is limiting the ability to install devices inside homes. In addition, Jim Stanton is still seeking a volunteer to help install the detectors when installations resume.

**Webmaster** - - Mary said she has an item (for posting to the website) that she will send to Chris.

**Zoning & Traffic** - - No new issues. Jim Stanton is unable to obtain signatures for traffic calming on Glyndon Drive. Residents are reluctant to answer the door because of COVID concerns. (Mary told Board members that if they are interested in seeing what Glyndon Drive will look like after traffic calming devices are installed, they can drive down Caraway Road for a preview.)

### **Old Business**

- Light for Bridge - - Mary said the project is still active.
- One of our goals is to assist four segments of Chartley: (1) Seniors; (2) Children; (3) the Environment; and (4) Schools.

Seniors - - Mary reported on a new Baltimore County program that offers eligible seniors grants of up to \$4,500 for home repairs and safety modifications. The goal is to enable seniors to age in place. Mary will describe the program in the eChatter.

Children - - (1) Kaycee Wright will host an event called "Sending Smiles." It is an event in which children write and create cards. (2) Baltimore County is providing five meals per week for children age 2 to 19.

Environment - - CHA volunteers will clean the Chartley Stream on April 3. Dave Powers suggested holding an event called "Clean Chartley Streets." It would be modeled after RIA's monthly Main Street Cleanup.

- Schools - - Baltimore County has released an online survey to gather community input on priorities for school construction. There are two phases. The first phase focuses on high schools and the second phase focuses on elementary schools and middle schools. The survey will be open through February 15.
- Ernie raised the issue of document retention for CHA. Mary said she would investigate options for electronic storage.
- Anne reported that the maintenance staff from the apartments along Gwynnwest Road are leaving open the gate to the refuse area. Anne said the open gate impedes foot traffic. Mary said she will write a letter to Morgan Properties.

**New Business** - - None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Written by Dan Palich, Secretary