

Chartley Homeowners Association

Minutes for Board Meeting - - October 13, 2020

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

We had a full house. All Board members sent pixels to the Zoom meeting: (1) Joe Ganem, (2) Mary Molinaro, (3) Mary Muth, (4) Dave Powers, (5) Ernie Schmidhauser, (6) Betsy Sloan, (7) Jack Sloan, (8) Jim Stanton, (9) Anne Yambor, (10) Chris Yambor, and (11) Dan Palich.

The Board approved the minutes for the Board Meeting of September 9, 2020.

Officer Reports

President - - Mary Molinaro

- Mary asked Board members to invite a new person to the November Board meeting because CHA needs to recruit and develop new leadership.
- Mary will work on establishing a nominating committee for next year's Board vacancies.
- The General Meeting had been scheduled for October 22, but the Board decided to delay it for 1 week until October 29. This will provide additional time for delivery of the Chatter as well as time for residents to read the Chatter so they are aware of the General Meeting on October 29. The General Meeting will be held via Zoom.
- Mary will find a guest speaker for the General Meeting.

Vice President - - Ernie Schmidhauser - - No new items to report

Treasurer - - Joe Ganem

- Joe discussed the financial report. No significant issues.
- Joe expects CHA's receipt of checks to increase when residents receive the Chatter this month. That's a standard occurrence.

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

Immediate Past President - - Mary Muth - - No new items to report

Committee Reports

Block Captains - - Anne Yambor

- Mary will send Anne an updated list of block captains.

- Mary stressed the importance of block captains delivering the Chatter as quickly as possible because of the upcoming General Meeting. Jack said the printer will finish printing the Chatter early next week, possibly as early as Monday. This led to discussion of the short time between the delivery of the Chatter and the General Meeting on October 22. Because of the short timeframe, the Board moved the General Meeting from October 22 to October 29.

Membership -- Betsy Sloan -- The new year began July 1. Membership has reached 136.

Newsletter -- Jack Sloan

- The cutoff for articles for the October Chatter is today. Jack will expedite the production of the Chatter. If all goes well, the printer might finish as early as Monday (October 19).
- All advertisers, but one, have paid their bill. Jack will follow up with the one that has not yet paid, although Jack is confident payment will be forthcoming. Jack said the upcoming Chatter will contain many ads.

Police Issues & Police Community Relations -- Dave Powers

- The Police Community Relations Council met on September 22. Captain Buckingham reported numerous issues.
 - He introduced Lt. Doug Jess, new commander of the Precinct 3 Outreach Team.
 - The precinct has experienced an increase in burglaries of commercial establishments.
 - The precinct has also seen an increase in theft from vehicles, primarily unlocked vehicles. Captain Buckingham expects a further increase because of the upcoming cold weather. In cold weather, many drivers fail to lock their car.
 - The police have made several arrests of dirt bike operators, although it is still an issue in several communities. Police have had success using "air" assets.
- The Kiwanis Cub presented Officer of the Year to Officer Nick Bowers. Council Member Izzy Patoka participated in the presentation.
- CHA presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Sergeant William Ledley who will retire in December. Sergeant Ledley has been commander of the Outreach Team, which works with all COP programs. Sergeant Ledley has been Traffic Patrol Supervisor for Precinct 3.
- Dave normally presents a crime report, but the three crime-reporting websites have suddenly shut down. Dave is working with the police to find an alternative source of crime statistics.
- Recently, several cars have been parked at the vacant Citgo across the street from Wawa. Code Enforcement will investigate.

Real Estate -- Mary Muth -- Mary provided data on home sales in Chartley. Sales in Chartley have been robust. Four houses went on the market recently, and all four were under contract within 4 days or fewer.

Reisterstown Main Street -- Mary Molinaro

- Governor Hogan issued a press release announcing that Reisterstown has received a Main Street Maryland designation. County Executive Olszewski will do the same shortly.
- The streetscape team has finished planning and will move onto implementation. They plan to landscape around the benches when planting season arrives in the spring. The goal is to make Main Street festive and thereby encourage foot traffic and shopping.

Scholarship -- Chris Yambor will write an article about the scholarship program for the October Chatter. Due date is midnight tonight.

Smoke/CO₂ Detector -- Jim Stanton -- Two installations are on hold because COVID-19 deters entry into houses to install the devices. Jim is seeking a volunteer to help him install the detectors.

Webmaster -- Chris Yambor -- Joe has volunteered to provide backup when Chris needs assistance or is unavailable. Joe and Chris will get together to work out the arrangements.

Zoning & Traffic -- Jim Stanton -- No new items to report

Old Business

- CHA has been notifying the County about dead trees along the street line. Mary said the County wants the homeowner, not CHA, to do the notification. (**Trivia:** If you are from Akron, Ohio, you call the grassy strip between the sidewalk and the street the "Devil's Strip." All the rest of the country has no name for it.)
- Mary reported that the Department of Public Works, at Izzy's behest, will remove bags of yard waste and a skid of building materials (chain link fence and PVC posts) from along the stream bank behind houses on the 200 block of Chartley Drive. CHA discovered the material during the stream cleanup; however, CHA did not have the wherewithal to remove the items because of their size and weight.
- Dave redesigned the Resident Complaint Procedure. The new procedure will be explained in the upcoming Chatter. Also, Chris will put it on the CHA website.

New Business -- None.

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Written by Dan Palich, Secretary