

Chartley Homeowners Association

Minutes for Board Meeting - - April 13, 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) Jim Stanton, (9) Anne Yambor, (10) Chris Yambor, and (11) Dan Palich. Three guests participated: (1) Joe Kirby, (2) Lawrence Van Horn, and (3) Kaycee Wright

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

Officer Reports

President - - Mary Molinaro

- Erin Watts from Baltimore County's Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management will speak at the General Meeting on April 29 (a Zoom meeting). In addition, Mary plans to ask Cheryl Pasteur to provide an update on her activities on the School Board. Cheryl was the speaker at the October 29 General Meeting.
- Mary called the County because yard waste, which was scheduled for regular pickup on April 9, had not been picked up by April 12. The material was picked up the on the next day (April 13).
- Mary recently learned that Chartley has two community parks. One is on Gwynnwest Road and the other is on Sacred Heart Lane. Mary wondered if Chartley residents would utilize these two parks if the County improved the area (for example, with playground equipment or a picnic area).

Vice President - - Ernie Schmidhauser

- This year's stream cleanup (on April 3) was perhaps CHA's finest. We had 36 volunteers, 23 of whom were Chartley residents. We also had 13 volunteers from outside Chartley. Titorian Richardson, a local photographer, saw CHA's announcement on the website of the Alliance for the Chesapeake. Titorian volunteered and brought with him 12 employees from his company. As a result of having 36 total volunteers, we cleaned the Chartley section of the stream, from Shirley Manor Road to Gwynnwest Road. We collected 38 bags. Jimmy Roberts volunteered and hauled the debris to the dump.
- Rats were seen near the trash cans in a yard in the 600 block of Shirley Manor Road. Ernie reported the situation to Dave Kirby from Code Enforcement. Dave was unable to inspect the property due to a closed gate and fence. Ernie will follow up with Dave to ensure the rats are exterminated.

Treasurer -- Joe Ganem

- CHA added a small number of members since the last Board Meeting.
- Joe presented the CHA budget. It will be presented to the general membership (via email) around the time of the General Membership meeting on April 29. Receipts have declined because COVID interrupted traditional fundraisers. Expenses have declined accordingly. CHA has not had to make any serious reductions.
- In a "non-treasurer" item, Joe explained how a house on Chartley Drive had a flooded basement. The main sewer line (which is buried under the roadway) became blocked. This caused water to back up into the house's basement. This was a random, unfortunate occurrence. It could, however, happen to almost any house in Chartley. Joe Kirby said he had a neighbor on Townleigh who experienced a similar problem, although Joe believes the sewer lines had been inspected recently.

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

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

Committee Reports

Block Captains -- Anne Yambor

- Right after Easter, Anne distributed the Chatters to block captains for delivery.
- Mary will provide Anne the name of the new block captain who will replace Dan Palich starting with the July edition (Dan is moving from Chartley). Dan's route is Bond Avenue.

Hospitality -- Anne and Chris Yambor

- Anne and Chris have agreed to take on this role.
- They will deliver the Chatter to new residents (that is, new in 2021). They will insert a "welcome to Chartley" letter in that Chatter. In addition, they will insert a second letter if the new resident has inherited CHA membership from the prior owner. The letter will explain how to join CHA. The initiative will be completed within the week.

Membership -- Betsy Sloan

- CHA has 179 members for 2020-2021 and 166 members for 2021-2022.
- Mary presented Kaycee Wright's proposal to increase CHA membership. The proposal would enable new members to pay their dues electronically via a system called DonateKindly. DonateKindly is free for nonprofits and does not require personal information. Joe and Chris will work together to implement.
- Kaycee's proposal also includes posting a colorful sign in CHA's three sign boards along with having a "CHA Night" at Chill or the Cow.

Newsletter -- Jack Sloan

- The cutoff for articles for the May eChatter is May 7.
- The cutoff for articles for July Chatter is July 1. This will ensure delivery before NNO on August 3.
- We discussed the appearance of the Chatter, specifically the difference between having two staples on the side versus saddle-stitching. Saddle-stitch requires paper that is 11x17 inches, takes longer to produce, and is more expensive. Hannah More, which produced the April Chatter, does not have the wherewithal to saddle-stitch. RUMC can saddle-stitch; however, RUMC is more expensive.
- Normally, printers send an invoice for their services. Hannah More is different because Hannah More simply requests a donation from nonprofit organizations that are 501 (c) (3). The Board decided to send Hannah More a \$300 donation for the April Chatter.
- Jack will find out if Hannah More can print the July Chatter.
- Two advertisers are in arrears. The total amount is \$200.

Police Issues & Police Community Relations -- Dave Powers

- Dave continues to work to locate a crime-reporting website. He located one site but is awaiting approval from the Baltimore County Police Department.
- A deception burglary occurred on Ivydale Lane. The thieves were caught on a video doorbell camera, and police were able to link them to the same crime in other precincts.
- Two burglaries occurred recently in Chartley.
 - Saturday, March 20, in the 500 Block of Deacon Brook Circle
 - Sunday, March 28, in the 200 Block of Chartley Drive
- The Police & Community Relations Council (PCRC) met on March 16, 2021. Captain Buckingham reported several issues.
 - Residents are still complaining about the parking of big rig vehicles on residential streets, specifically Tarragon Road and Dolfield Boulevard. Police are issuing tickets.
 - Residents are complaining that police are not ticketing vehicles with expired plates that are parked on residential streets. Captain Buckingham said police are not ticketing expired plates because of COVID.
 - Residents are complaining about speeding on Sacred Heart Lane, Gwynnwest Road, Glyndon Drive, and Owings Mills Boulevard (near Bond Avenue). Captain Buckingham told residents to call the Traffic Team directly with speeding complaints.
 - Officer Appreciation Day is June 12. In the past, CHA has recognized one officer at this event. Mary Muth recommended that CHA recognize the entire Franklin Precinct because the entire precinct has had to deal with COVID. The Board agreed with Mary's suggestion.

The next PCRC Meeting is April 20 (virtual meeting).

Real Estate - - Mary Muth

- Mary described the market as a "feeding frenzy" as it is a sellers' market. Homes are selling quickly (average time is 4 days) for above asking price and often without a thorough inspection.
- The trend looks like it will continue through the end of the year.
- From January 1 through April 13, 2021, Chartley has had 9 sales. Six others have sold but await settlement. The median is 4 days on the market.

Reisterstown Main Street - - Mary Molinaro

- The corner of Cockeys Mill Road and Main Street has a new sign: "Welcome to Main Street." As part of street scape, flowers will be planted along the sign and along the bench.
- The "Spring Extravaganza" took place on Main Street, with vendors appropriately distanced. The Easter Bunny was present.
- The County has approved the permit for the Farmers Market to meet on the space in front of Franklin Middle School. The season will run May 16 through November 21.
- The grand opening for the Welcome Center and Pocket Park is June 19.
- The Franklin Woodlands Trail will have its grand opening ceremony on September 18.
- The Reisterstown Library had planned to reopen June 30. That date is now in doubt because BG&E is behind schedule.
- The former Ristorante Firenze closed and was sold. The new owner has named it Little Georgia. Little Georgia will serve Georgian Restaurant Cuisine.

Smoke/CO Detector - - Jim Stanton

- Jim plans to ask RVFD to assist with the installation of detectors that were requested during the COVID period.
- There have been no new requests for detectors.

Scholarship - - Chris Yambor

- Chris received two applications from Franklin High.
- The application form does not distinguish between students who have been accepted to college versus those who have not yet applied. The Board decided to revise the application form to identify students who have been accepted by a college.
- The Board discussed whether CHA should give scholarship money directly to the school rather than to the student. We decided to continue the current practice of giving the money directly to the student because giving the money to the school would impact the student's financial aid package.

Webmaster -- Chris Yambor

- As discussed under "Membership," Chris, Joe, and Kaycee will collaborate to place a donate button (for electronically paying membership dues) on the CHA website.

Special Events -- Ernie Schmidhauser

- National Night Out (NNO) is still planned for August 3 at the Chartley Shopping Center. Ernie has invited 30 organizations and community groups to participate. Six have accepted. Currently, state and county employees are not permitted to participate. The County has not yet issued a gathering permit for NNO.
- Dining at Reter's will not be a fundraiser for CHA this year but instead will welcome spring and thank Brad Reter for his continued support of the Chartley and Reisterstown communities. Inside capacity is limited and carry out will be encouraged. The event will be held May 16-22.
- CHA has booked the American Legion Hall for the crab feast. The event will be held October 16, from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm.
- Ernie is still pursuing a solar light at the bridge over the Chartley Stream; however, the outlook is dimming because local electricians can install the light and pole, but not the solar power. Ernie has asked BG&E for assistance.

Special Events -- Dave Powers reported that June 5 is still planned for Dumpster Day behind the old Mars. Baltimore County approval is pending.

Old Business

- **Speed Deterrents** -- Mary plans to request another traffic study by the County. Unlike the last study, the new study should not be conducted during the summer months when traffic flow is low. The intersection of Shirley Manor Road and Chartley Drive is dangerous because many drivers believe the intersection is a four-way stop.
- **Planting Trees** -- Larry mentioned this in the previous meeting. There are county programs that provide and plant trees. Larry will write an article for the July Chatter to introduce the topic and get feedback from the community.

New Business -- Mary explained there will be a "lot-line adjustment" at All Saints' Church. The adjustment will divide the church and the adjoining property (the former rectory) at the driveway. The Church trustees plan to sell the rectory side of the property. The other side contains the church itself which is a landmark building. Landmark buildings must be preserved.

The April 13 meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Written by Dan Palich, Secretary