

Minutes of the March 27, 2023 OVIS Meeting

Those in attendance were: Brian Smith, Ken and Jeanne Nelson, Laurel Martel, Sage Piotrowski, Connie Rieben, Stu and Diane Williams, Julie and Jim Longen, Skip LaFleur, Kurt Rasmussen, Art and Julie Ann Bert, Bob Fortner, Beau Plessner, Steve Krout, Dave Ennis, Sue White, and Barry Salus.

Brian called the meeting to order at 7 o'clock at the Hall.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

In the absence of Jim Wiesner, the treasurer, Brian provided the financial report with information from Jim. He indicated the current balance is \$20,942.12. He indicated the membership was 161 paid members with 33 pending in PayPal. There are 23 sponsors.

Brian reported that Donna Green who handles the hall rentals will not be continuing with OVIS, since she and Dennis are leaving Ozona and moving to Pasco County. Brian indicated the group will need to decide how to cover the hall rental responsibilities.

Brian reported that the hall tenting project has now been successfully completed.

The group then took up the tree canopy program. Brian had prepared a worksheet to organize the discussion. There was a discussion on each of the points in the program. It was approved that OVIS would be the sponsor and organizer of the program. This would include funding and tracking of the program. The focus would be on the main roads in the Ozona which were identified to be Orange St., Tampa Rd., and Pennsylvania. The preferred canopy tree would be the live oak. The trees would probably be in the road right of ways. The group set up a working committee to be Chaired by Skip LeFleur to work up a proposal to be considered at the April meeting. Brian and Barry would serve on the committee along any others that might join.

Parallel to this, it was agreed there would be a program on the OVIS website to assist people with planting trees in their yards.

Brian then reported that a Main Street program is being re-set up in the Old Palm Harbor District. He was going to see if a presentation could be scheduled for OVIS to be informed of this new program. It was indicated that the OVIS Annual Meeting is April 24 and includes the election of officers, the tree program, and possibly the Palm Harbor Main Street program.

Dave Ennis provided a status of the funding program for Linda.

Brian indicated that the next OVIS newsletter would be going out the first or second week of April.

The current status of the Ozona Preserve was discussed. Sue indicated setting up community involvement with the County continues to be a work in progress.

Diane brought up the organization CNCN (Council of North County Neighborhoods) and the need for OVIS to be involved. The merits of the program were discussed and a motion was made and approved to join that organization. Diane would be a member representative along with Brian.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.