

## Minutes of the March 25, 2019 OVIS Meeting

Those in attendance were: Brian Smith, Patt Adams, Dennis Green, Donna Green, Janice Freulich, Melissa and Doug Rogers, Connie Rieben, Bob Fortner, T. Carl Jackson, Todd Guarino, Terry Fortner, Matt Tiernan, Emily Lincoln, Beau Plessner, Bob Buckley, Laurel Martel, Shawn Lincoln, Pam Mule and Peter Krulder.

Brian convened the meeting at the hall at 7 PM.

Everyone was given an opportunity to introduce themselves.

Brian indicated minutes from the last meeting had been distributed. The minutes were approved.

Brian said that Jim had provided him with the treasurer's report. He said they were now 185 paid OVIS members and 21 sponsors. The current account balance is \$16,457.81.

Under the Village Hall report Donna indicated the hall is rented out through April. Dennis indicated there was a need for some replacement of siding in the back of the hall. A motion was made and approved to purchase siding for that project.

Concerning the community cleanup, Brian indicated that some rethinking of the approach was necessary. Bob Fortner provided a report that there were two cleanups each year. One in the Fall and one in the Spring. The Fall event had become low in participation but the Spring continued to be more active. It was therefore concluded that there should be one cleanup a year in the Spring, and that this would be focused in terms of notice. It was agreed this would be Saturday, May 4. Todd agreed to help with wired yard signs. There will also be a special notice sent out highlighting the event.

Brian provided a report on developments in the Ozona area. He noted that at the northwest corner of Missouri and Alternate 19 a residential project is being considered. That was previously the proposed site for a self storage structure, which had been opposed by the community. He indicated there is a proposed self storage building being considered on a property just south of Sherwood RV Park. The current zoning would permit that structure.

Brian then reported on the rezoning proposal at 600 Pennsylvania. That proposal on 5 acres is to go from single-family (R-3) zoning to Multi-family (RM-5) zoning. He reported that he attended the planning board meeting along with a group of citizens from Ozona and presented the OVIS position of keeping the single family zoning and denying to request. He indicated, that although the issues were raised concerning environmental impacts, traffic impacts, and density concerns, the planning board voted 4-2 to recommend approval to the County Commission. He said the matter now goes to the County Commission at their April 23 meeting. This is an evening meeting that starts at 6:00 PM at the courthouse. Brian indicated something that should've influenced the decision, but was not brought up, was the Ozona Community Overlay

in the County's Plan. The County Commission had adopted a special overlay to recognize the community character of Ozona in its decision-making. He said he planned to attend the County Commission meeting and planned to emphasize that aspect in addition to the issues of density, environmental impact, and traffic impact. He said a follow-up letter to the County Commission on these points would be sent. He also noted that it would be important for Ozona residents to express their concerns, since this proposal challenges the Ozona community character. In that regard, it was agreed that a follow-up information notice by OVIS should go out to the community with contact information for people who wish to make comment to the County Commissioners on the rezoning.

Brian then introduced Peter Krulder for a presentation on the State Park System. He is the Director of Honeymoon Island State Park, Caladesi Island State Park, Anclote Key, and Egmont Key. This was an excellent presentation and covered in detail the characteristics of each park and their history.

Following the presentation, Brian noted that next meeting was the Annual Meeting on April 22. He said that the Clearwater Audubon Society will make a presentation about birds. Bob Fortner agreed to Chair the nominating committee for election of officers at that meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.