

Restore Avilla

Minutes March 11, 2019

In attendance: Todd Carteaux, Shalimar Holderly, Bill Ley, Russ Shartzter, Randy King, Abby Cole, Kevin Kelly, Jill Hoffelder and Cody Schneider.

Todd called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes from May 9, 2019 were presented. Shalimar motioned and Abby seconded to approve. The motion carried.

In the absence of Treasurer Bill Freeman, Todd presented the treasurer's report with a balance of \$1,281.85. There was no income in May. \$40 was spent for Shalimar to attend an OCRA seminar in Angola. Randy motioned and Jill seconded to approve the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Old Business:

It was agreed that a fish fry would not be a good fundraiser due to the large amount of work for a small profit.

The farmers' market is not getting vendors. Brian Walker will keep trying until local producers' gardens are ripe.

No progress has been made toward the planning grant.

The Avilla Park Board approved Todd's request to install a dog park in the Ley Street nature park with 2 stipulations. It must be ADA accessible and Restore Avilla must fund the operating cost for at least 2 years. Cody Schneider summarized his plans to fundraise for the estimated cost of \$10,000 to \$15,000 to install the dog park. He is hoping to have installation completed by the end of August. Todd will ask Josh Lash to prepare a drawing showing the layout. Todd will ask Ryan Yarian if his proposed \$8,000 donation toward the clock the Town has purchased could be used to help fund the dog park instead.

New business:

Shalimar outlined information given at the OCRA conference she attended May 29. There are \$5,000 grants available for historic renovations within the MainsStreet areas. There is \$2,000,000 available statewide for blight elimination with MainStreet areas. October 7-11 is downtown development week. There is a 20% matching grant program to develop trails. There is \$100,000,000 in grant funds available for broadband deployment statement. OCRA Placemaking grants are available for projects to bring people together in the town.

Cody mentioned that Emily Schneider with Visit Noble County could be a good resource for marketing events or fundraising for Restore Avilla.

At 7:00 pm Shalimar motioned and Randy seconded to adjourn. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be upstairs at the St. James Restaurant on Monday, July 8 at 6:00 pm.

Bill Ley, Secretary