Forest Oaks Homeowners’ Association

Minutes

October 24, 2024

Prior to the opening of the regular meeting of the Forest Oaks Homeowners’ Association, Mayor Darrell Davis spoke about the upcoming Edmond on the GO Bond which will be on the November 5 ballot. Mayor Davis explained the financial demands of a growing city and the need for funds for street maintenance, park upgrades and an improved and relocated fire station. The mayor answered all questions and spoke on behalf of the work done by the citizen’s committee that proposed the plan.

The meeting took place at 2029 Bent Twig Road, Edmond, OK 73013. President Warren Stickrod opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Warren asked that those present introduce themselves. Those present were Joe Strubhart, Warren & LaVonne Stickrod, Jason Martin, Dwayne Page, Nicholas Lee, Gary and Joan Larson, John and Emily Wood, Eva Jo Sparks, Mark & Andrea Hasenmyer, Lisa Hudson, and Marc and Elaine Weinmeister.

The minutes of the February 22, 2024, meeting were distributed at the meeting and were available on the fohoa.com website. Dwayne Page moved that the minutes be approved as written. Eva Jo Sparks seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Joe Strubhart, treasurer, presented the year-to-date expenses of the HOA. Joe thanked Shelia Brown for her excellent work. Joe researched participation by residents over the past few years. At this point, 138 households have paid dues which is 64% of the neighborhood. We moved our HOA bank account to Citizen’s Bank in Edmond. The only line item that has exceeded its budget at this time is the social events category. A food truck demanded a guaranteed profit and the sales were short.

Elaine Weinmeister gave the streetlighting report for Mary Berryman. The HOA has approved one more decorative streetlight, but no location has been selected. Mary will revisit some of the locations previously recommended to see if the homeowners at those locations are amenable. The HOA pays the electricity cost and the city provides maintenance for the light.

Elaine Weinmeister presented the Landscaping Committee report. There has been a lot of volunteer work at the entry since our last meeting. Patti Taylor and Jim Hargis trimmed perennials and Elaine applied a systemic insecticide to all of the crepe myrtles to treat the aphids. The spring planting took place on April 13 with 4 people doing the work. Thanks go to Joe Strubhart, Hanna Olstad and Marc Weinmeister. The mowing crew raked out the old mulch prior to planting. Over the summer, several volunteers weeded the entry island. Thanks go to Liz McCoy , Mark Naylor, Ann Guerrant, Cathy Stephens and Kim Lotspeich . On June 8, a crew of 6 people trimmed the north side Ridgecrest and the sidewalk around the curve. It was a hot day and we had to have the debris picked up later by our lawn man. The intrepid workers who helped me were Jeff Watkins, Marc Weinmeister, Andrea Hasenmyer, Mark Naylor and Dwayne Page. The fall landscape was pulled out on Oct. 11, and the volunteers who helped me prepare the soil and plant on Oct. 12 were Joe Strubhart, Patti Taylor, James Bolinger, Andrea Hasenmyer, Marc Weinmeister and Mark Naylor. Joe and Marc moved the huge boulder back into place on the south side.

Emily Wood reported on the recent garage sale which occurred Oct. 5. There were about 10 households who notified Emily prior to the sale and there were several others who participated but did not let Emily know. It was hard to create a comprehensive map, but John Wood created a QR code for a map. The social media advertising may not have happened, but the banner went up the week prior to the sale.

In old business, Dwayne Page mentioned that he had purchased some strands of Christmas lights last year to replace some worn out ones. Warren asked him to turn in receipts for reimbursement.

Joe Strubhart presented the proposed budget for 2025. It is slightly less than last year’s budget. The mowing budget will increase $25 and the social events budget will increase $330. The snow and ice budget will decrease $500 as we have a local resident providing this work, and the newsletter postage budget will decrease $30. Mark Hasenmyer moved to approve the new budget and LaVonne Stickrod seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Warren presented the slate of officers for the coming year. President: Warren Stickrod; Vice President: Eva Jo Sparks; Treasurer: Joe Strubhart; Secretary: Elaine Weinmeister; Officer-at-Large: Jason Martin. There being no nominations from the floor, Gary Larson moved that the slate be approved. LaVonne seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

There was a question about the house that burned on Running Branch. Although no information is available at this time, the HOA hopes that a positive outcome will ensue.

LaVonne Stickrod spoke about the upcoming HOPE Center project for December. She will get notification from the HOPE Center in early November and information will go out by email. LaVonne will take the gifts to the family and neighbors may join her for the heartwarming event. Gifts must be wrapped and labeled with the recipient’s name and delivered to LaVonne by the deadline.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Weinmeister

Secretary, Forest Oaks HOA