

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:15pm. 32 members were in attendance, constituting a quorum (10 required).

2. The minutes of the February 2025 meeting were read and approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

- a) Opening Balance \$2828.52
- b) Income \$1000.00 (dues)
- c) Expenses \$672.48 (Food, soil test, soil amendment, marking tape)
- d) Closing Balance \$3156.04

4. Old Business

New Garden Location Update

The following points were discussed regarding the move to the New Garden Plots:

a) New Garden Plot Selection:

- a. New plot selection is based on the number of years with the club. Selections will be made in descending order of seniority.
- b. Approximately half of the members have made their selection. The Board expects the selection process to be completed in early May.
- c. Members were requested to make their selections promptly, to allow the selection process to be completed quickly.

b) Move Schedule:

- a. New plots are available for member access on May 1. Members should not attempt to enter the plots prior to May 1, as OTOW considers it to be a construction zone.
- b. Members may begin active gardening of their new plot on May 1.
- c. OTOW has previously offered to assist members with the move of bulky, awkward equipment on 2 different dates.
- d. The board will request the 1st OTOW assisted move day to be in 1st week of June; the 2nd date to be the 3rd week of July. The board will advise the actual dates & times OTOW commits to.
- e. All members must vacate their current plots no later than July 31.
- f. Current plot owners may take & install their raised lumber to the new plots.
- g. OTOW expects to start construction work on the site of the old plots on August 1. Any items left in the old plots will be discarded.

c) Command Soil

- a. A sample of the Command Soil provided by OTOW was sent to the UF labs for analysis. All parameters look good except for Nitrogen content.
- b. The board authorized the purchase of the required quantity of Nitrogen soil amendment for application to all 103 new plots.
- c. The board will advise when the amendment will be distributed to members.
- d. Members are responsible for applying the amendment to their plot at the time of their choosing. Remember that the amendment must be raked in & watered when applied to be effective.

d) Trash

- a. OTOW has previously advised that they will remove trash placed into the trash can. The board will confirm that they still intend to do this.
- b. If not, members will be responsible for disposing their trash at one of the OTOW dumpster sites.
- c. The comment above does apply to organic garden waste from the plots. A disposal pit will be provided at the northwest area of the gardens for collecting organic garden waste. OTOW will continue to remove this material as they have done at the old garden site.

e) Future Improvements

- a. The shed & electric power the board requested OTOW to provide are not included in the construction of the new gardens.
- b. The board will raise the issues listed below with OTOW later this year, for consideration by OTOW for inclusion into their future budgets:
 - i. Shed for storing club tools out of the elements
 - ii. Electric power to illuminate the shed, charge batteries or operate equipment (tiller, shredder).
 - iii. Possible security cameras (our gardens are in a more remote location).

5. New Business
None

6. Remarks for the Good of the Club
None

7.The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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