

## Eco Gardeners Club Meeting Minutes September 15, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:15pm. 41 members were in attendance, constituting a quorum (17 required).

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

### 3. Treasurer's Report

- a) Opening Balance \$3463.96
- b) Income \$1288.6 (dues & deposits)
- c) Expenses \$326.89
- d) Closing Balance \$4425.67
- e) Reserve for Plot deposits \$1825.00
- f) Net Cash \$2600.67

### 4. Old Business

#### New Garden Location Update

- a) New Garden Plot Status:
  - a. Total Plots: 103
  - b. Total Plots Unassigned: 0
  - c. Total members: 81
- b) Weeding of Aisles:
  - a. Members were requested NOT to weed the aisles. The club prefers to let vegetation grow, to help prevent soil run-off.
- c) Gateway Passes
  - a. OTOW Central & Candler residents automatically have a Gateway of Services pass through their membership in either of these HOA's.
  - b. Membership in Indigo or Weybourne Landing HOA's does not include Gateway of Services Pass. Residents of Indigo or Weybourne Landing must purchase a Gateway of Service Pass in addition to their membership in either of these HOA's.
- d) Entry to Plots through the gates
  - a. All members are requested to open both gates when entering the plots. While the single gate is just barely wide enough for a golf cart, we prefer to utilize the full width of both gates to reduce the possibility of damaging the gate from a golf cart collision.
- e) Kenny's Place Update
  - a. Kenny's Place delivered our items earlier than expected.
  - b. Not all seeds provided germinated.
  - c. Dave Johson suggests next year we should assign a committee to run the interaction with Kenny's Place.
  - d. A link to Kenny's Place will be added to the club website. Phil Karcheski to provide the web address to the Secretary.
- f) Trash
  - a. The trash is not being picked up by OTOW. The Board will engage OTOW on this issue.

### 5. New Business

- a. Letter to OTOW
  - I. The board sent a letter to Shannon Prince of the OTOW Recreation Department regarding the club's request for improvements to the Garden Plots. The include a Structure and electrical power, to allow recharging of wireless tool & operation of corded tools.
  - II. A copy of the letter was displayed to the members.
- b. Proposed Revision to the Club Bylaws
  - I. The revisions proposed by the board were displayed to the members. The following points were discussed & noted. All the Bylaws proposals will be voted by the members during the October club meeting.

- i. The requirement to roll of the board completely after 2 terms was removed. The original language requiring roll off to a different board position was retained.
  - ii. The requirement to leave a plot in “pristine” condition was proposed to be modified to “it’s original condition consisting of soil & border boards, free of weeds & any foreign materials”.
  - iii. A clause was added to permit members to nominate club officers from the floor during the election meeting.
  - iv. A definition of voting rights based on plot sizes was added to ensure each member is entitled to only one vote.
  - v. The distribution of club assets upon dissolution of the club was modified to direct the assets to a charity selected by the members at the time of dissolution. Tools that were loaned to the club in which the lender could not be located was also directed to a charity selected by the members at the time of dissolution.
- c. Proposed Revision to the Club Policies & Procedures
  - I. The revisions proposed by the board were displayed to the members. The following points were discussed & noted. All the Policies & Procedures proposals will be voted by the members during the October club meeting.
    - i. The definition of a garden plot was provided to include the “half size” plots now available in the new location.
    - ii. The height limit of trees over 6 feet high was modified to include all vegetation over 6 feet high.
    - iii. A clause was added requiring all vegetation to be trimmed within the boarder perimeter of the plot.
    - iv. Gardeners’ dues will be considered in arrears if they are 1 month late. Gardeners will be terminated if dues are more than 2 months late.
    - v. The requirement for members to keep the aisles “weed free” was deleted.
    - vi. The “mulch” area was renamed the “organic waste” area.
    - vii. The requirement to remove trellis’ after harvest was removed. Trellis’ are considered common garden appurtenances.
    - viii. Structures may not be permanently attached to the plot wood frame without consent of the board.
    - ix. Planting of invasive species was prohibited.

#### 6. Remarks for the Good of the Club

- a. The club Potluck will be held on Thursday, September 18@ 12:30 pm. Members should bring their own beverage.
- b. Membership cards were distributed to any member requesting one. These can be used for a 10% discount at Bob Wines.
- c. Rich Kerski is working on arranging a tour of the Black Kow facility near Leesburg. Estimated date for the tour is Mid -Late October.

#### 7. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.