

## Eco Gardeners Club Meeting Minutes October 20, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:15pm. 24 members were in attendance, constituting a quorum (17 required).

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

3. Treasurer's Report – NO REPORT. The October report will be provided along with the November report at the November club meeting

- a) Opening Balance
- b) Income
- c) Expenses
- d) Closing Balance
- e) Reserve for Plot deposits
- f) Net Cash

### 4. Old Business

#### a. Letter to OTOW

- I. Shannon Prince of the OTOW Recreation Department has not responded to our letter. The board will follow up directly with Shannon.

#### b. Proposed Revision to the Club Bylaws

- I. The revisions proposed by the board (listed below) were displayed to the members. The Bylaws proposals were unanimously approved by the members during the October club meeting.
  - i. Article IV, Section 4: 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".
  - ii. Article VII, Section 2: A clause was added to permit members to nominate club officers from the floor during the election meeting.
  - iii. Article VIII, Section 4: A definition of voting rights based on plot sizes was added to ensure each member is entitled to only one vote.
  - iv. Article X: 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 modified to direct the tools 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 (listed below) were displayed to the members. The Policies & Procedures proposals were unanimously approved by the members during the October club meeting.

Item 1: The definition of a garden plot was provided to include the "half size" plots now available in the new location.

Item 3: The height limit of trees over 6 feet high was modified to include all vegetation over 6 feet high.

Item 6: A clause was added requiring all vegetation to be trimmed within the boarder perimeter of the plot.

Item 8: 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.

Item 10: The requirement for members to keep the aisles "weed free" was deleted.

Item 10: The "mulch" area was renamed the "organic waste" area.

Item 11: The requirement to remove trellis' after harvest was removed. Trellises are considered common garden appurtenances.

Item 11: Structures may not be permanently attached to the plot wood frame without consent of the board.

Item 12: Planting of invasive species (as defined per Florida Invasive Species Council) was prohibited.

## 5. New Business

### Google Lens

Phil Karcheski made a presentation to the members regarding the use & application of Google Lens for gardening purposes.

## 6. Remarks for the Good of the Club

- a. The club Potluck was held on Thursday, September 18@ 12:30 pm. ~25 members were in attendance.
- b. 2 plots are currently open & available.
- c. Rich Kerski provided an update of a tour of the Black Kow facility near Leesburg. The new estimated date for the tour is Early December.
- d. There are openings for President & Secretary for the December election of officers.
- e. Shannon Price was contacted regarding the installation of beehives at the garden plots (just outside the fence). We have not received a response from Shannon.
- f. Phil Karcheski's Facebook page contains a great deal of gardening information. It can be accessed from the club's website on the "Links" page. Click on **"Tips 'n Tricks (links to other web pages)"; then click on "[Phil's Facebook Page](#)".**
- g. A member noted that "Come & Get IT" can be purchased to mitigate ant population in the individual garden plot.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.