Call to Order: 1:15

Pledge: The Club started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The Call to Order time of the previous minutes was corrected. The minutes of the Previous meeting were approved as modified.

Treasurers Report:

9/1/26 Treasurer's Report

Ending Balance 4/1/2026	$6,365.97
Beginning Balance 9/1/26	$6,365.97
Reserve for Deposits	$2,050.00
Available Funds	$4,315.97

The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

Old Business:

Presence of non-members in the garden was discussed. The membership was asked to help keep non-members out by politely mentioning the rule.

The rule for Dogs in the Garden was explained. Dogs are allowed if in a crate or on a golf cart. They are not allowed on the ground even if on leash.

The problem with OTOW not mowing and weed whacking was discussed. Dave Johnson reported on his efforts to get OTOW to mow and weed whack.

The problem of Garden Pilfering was discussed. Several ideas: Fake cameras, additional signs, lock the gates. The question of garden cameras was brought up. A straw vote shows that the club generally approved of Cameras. Dave Johnson pointed out that we will need approval for whatever we wish to install. Dave Johnson and Phil Karchesi will look into Cameras.

The problem of Fire Ants in the Garden was brought up. Fire ants both in the gardens and between the gardens are problems. Some members are allergic to fire ant bites. It was asked if OTOW or the club could address the ant problem. The product "Come and Get It" has previously been recommended by Crones Cradle. The club will look into options.

Garbage along the Fence line: Much discussion. OTOW does not and has never emptied the garbage cans. The club decided to get rid of the garbage cans and make members carry their garbage away. The area along the fence beside the gate was also discussed as a problem. An email will be sent explaining the new trash policy to all club members. Leslie Lansing volunteered to haul the existing garbage away. It was mentioned that useable seeds and plants can be left by the tables.

Bee Report:

Leslie Lansing provided a Bee update.

Leslie demonstrated a "bear alert". She is looking into whether they are required and reviewing options.

The hives have new queens and they are much "nicer". The hives have mites which are a disease carrying parasite. They are being treated but we may not get much honey in the near future. It is also time that the hives should be stocking up for the winter, but the number of workers is low. Leslie is providing sugar to help.

There was a lottery of 6 honey jars.

New Business: The board proposed the following:

> **Move to approve a budget for the Eco Gardeners Board of up to $500 for Fiscal Year 2027. These funds are to be used for fees, maintenance of the gardens, replacement of club equipment and other reasonable & necessary expenses for the continued operation of the garden club.**

It was moved to amend the motion to state that "Any withdrawals from this fund must be documented in the treasurer's report.". The amendment passed.

The motion passed as amended.

Remarks for the Good of the Club:

Phil talked about the club article in the monthly newsletter. Ideas are appreciated.

The next meeting is Oct 19th at 1:15 in the Event room of the Hobby Building.

Adjourn: 2:01