

# ECO Gardeners Meeting 03-26-2026

**CALL TO ORDER: 1:15**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

**THE TREASURERS REPORT WAS APPROVED AS PRESENTED:**

## Treasurers Report 3/1/26

Opening balance		\$6,026.69
Dues Collected	\$275.00	6,301.69
Reserve for Deposits (82)	\$2,050.00	\$4,251.69

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Report of the OTOW Compliance Committee:**

##### **Chuck Bonner report to garden club**

Our committee discussed various concerns that might possibly concern OTOW compliance & safety. We each did a walk around and made notes, sat down as a group and discussed each area of possible concern.

I then took our findings to the next board meeting and we went over each point, again, discussing the pro's & cons of each possible concern.

Bottom line, as for now:

- 1 . Metal posts, in and around gardens, must be capped as per concern by OTOW safety & compliance. They pose a hazard is & when someone accidently falls.
2. Plots that have fencing, must have a gate or access point to enter. Again, matter of safety. Climbing over, even a small fence, can be hazardous.

Esthetics and standards: Please keep your plots neat (a term which is vague as to everyone's opinions of the meaning "neat"). Everything seems to be shaping up very nicely.

Also discussed were green houses and similar. New ones should not be allowed unless board approved. They can shade a neighbor's plot.

Trellis should be no higher than 5' unless board approved.

Reminder: as per OTOW and our policies & procedures: 11. No trellis may be a permanent fixture unless approved by the board.

(11 cont'd) No structure is to be affixed to plot wood frame without consent of the board. NOTE: Fence posts, etc. affixed to plot wood frame that may cause damage to said wood; gardener of said plot is responsible for replacement. (This was also brought up by OTOW when we met with them).

If your fence goes down to the dirt on outside of plot frame, OTOW will not weed whack it as it tears up the line. So, plot gardener is responsible for those weeds.

Pt. 4. OTOW Eco garden Club policies & procedures shall not supersede OTOW policies and procedures

#### **Comments Added during Discussion.**

1. Requests for deviation from the policies must be filed in writing to the Club board or by email to [gardenc58@gmail.com](mailto:gardenc58@gmail.com).
2. Greenhouses will not be approved in the future. Existing greenhouses have been Grandfathered.
3. The board will bring a proposal to change current Policies and Procedures to the next meeting.
4. The board has no intention of walking around measuring trellises. If you are slightly over 5 ft., please ask for board approval.

#### **New Business**

1. We may get a drone picture of the Garden sometime in May to use for PR purposes. If you see a drone over the garden in that time period please be understanding.
2. The club has benefitted from an arrangement with Lowes where we get broken bags of Garden Soil and Amendments at a reduced rate which is then passed along to the club. We need a member to pick up the job of working with Lowes on this.
3. The club has a small waiting list for membership.

#### **REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB**

- 1.** Jeff Bell will fill in as secretary for the next meeting.
- 2.** A Bee keeping Educational page has been added to the ECO-Gardeners.org website thanks for Leslie Lansing. A shortcut to the page is on the home page.
- 3.** The Hives are currently without a queen. Please do not visit the hives at this time.
- 4.** The next meeting will be April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in the Hobby Building Event Room.

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at about 2:05.