



**Town of Laurel Park
Bee Committee Minutes**

Date of Meeting: March 18, 2025

Time of Meeting: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Laurel Park Town Hall

The following attended in person at Town Hall:

- President Monroe
- Susan Brooks
- Denise Layfield
- Anne Hartig
- Recording Secretary Karen Monroe
- Rachelle Lyons from Flat Rock, NC who is interested in forming a bee Committee in her community

Call to Order:

Chairman John Monroe called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Approval of this Agenda:

Motion: Layfield and Second: K. Monroe. Approved.

Approval of February 2025 Minutes:

Motion: Layfield and Second: K. Monroe. Approved

Old Business

- a. Denise L's proposal to hire Spriggley's and replace tree canopy losses has been postponed to the fall. Root sales are more plentiful from the NC Forestry Service at that time. Henderson County is in the red zone for tree canopy loss due to development. This was before Hurricane Helene. Rachelle L. shared that Tracey Daniels of the Flat Rock Tree Foundation has more tree seedlings than they can use. Denise L. will contact her. Knox C. has secured Musser Forests, Inc. catalogs with species appropriate to Laurel Park that can be shared with Brandon and others.

- b. The presentation by Steve Pettis from the NC Extension Service was a success! There were over 80 attendees and Pat L. abstracted, 27% received notice from the Laurel Park newsletter, 20% from the First Congregational Church and 18% by word of mouth. The church was very welcoming!
- c. Denise L. volunteered to create a postcard to inform Laurel Park residents of the importance of replanting trees in our community. It will touch on spring and fall plantings, tree giveaways/sales sponsored by LPBCC and invasive species education.

New Business

- d. Susan B. has updated and expanded the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for review and input. The Special Meeting to brainstorm on this was cancelled and the members discussed rescheduling on 3/27 at 4:00 pm at Denise L.'s home. John M. will notify Town Hall of this.
- e. The LPBCC would like to develop Certified Pollinator Habitat Guidelines for the community. Karen M. volunteered to lead this project.
- f. Knox C. and John M. have surveyed Rhododendron Park for ideal places to have loads of free wood chips dumped by Epperson's and Murphy's Tree Services. Additionally, Knox C., Brandon (LP Public Works) and Bobbie Trotter discussed this further. To take advantage of this opportunity, John M. will email Brian regarding this, to expedite the project and find a location or locations for delivery.
- g. Denise L. relayed that a clearing and planting project has been approved by Parks & Greenways to begin in two weeks at Canal Park. The invasives will be removed with a backhoe, hand pulled and cleared before new planting of grass and wildflowers. Denise L. also proposed that Canal Park could also become our first Certified Pollinator Habitat Garden with a sign designation.
- h. Our next meeting will be a Special Meeting on March 27, 2025, at 4:00 pm at 130 Lake Drive in Laurel Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 pm. Motion: Denise L. Second: Karen M. Approved.

Attest:



Karen F. Monroe

Chair:



John Monroe