

**Bee City Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**March 19, 2024 – 4:30 p.m.**

Mr. John Monroe called the in-person Laurel Park Bee City Committee Meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. on March 19, 2024.

The following attended at Town Hall, 441 White Pine Drive, Laurel Park, NC 28739:

Knox Crowell  
John Monroe  
Karen Monroe  
Pat LaSalle  
Susan Brooks  
Joe Robustelli  
Denise Layfield  
Anne Hartig

The agenda was distributed. Denise Layfield motioned to approve. Pat LaSalle seconded. The motion to approve the agenda was unanimous.

Denise Layfield motioned to approve the minutes of February 20, 2024. Pat LaSalle seconded the motion and the committee unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- A. The announcement for the showing of “Queen of the Sun” and the Spriggly’s beescaping presentation was included in the March-April newsletter and 42 people signed up to attend so far. The LPBCC will reach out to friends and neighbors to join us. Denise Layfield and Karen Monroe have submitted multiple announcements on the Nextdoor app and will continue to do so. John Monroe will devise a spreadsheet to circulate at the showing to gather attendee names, email and how did you hear about the event.
- B. Denise Layfield relayed that the Parks and Greenways Committee has approved the No Mow May initiative to enlarge the footprint in Rhododendron Park.
- C. Pat LaSalle has contacted the person who will make the LPBCC two tier banner. However, there was a delay in their meeting due to a death in the family and health issues. Pat will contact her again and arrange another meeting.
- D. Knox Crowell is researching No Mow May signs to be placed in parks. Anne Hartig proposed the phrase, “Bee Habitat Preservation” be included on sign to indicate why the grass has not been mowed. Pat LaSalle suggested the QR code from the Xerces Society be added for further information. The committee unanimously agreed with both proposals.

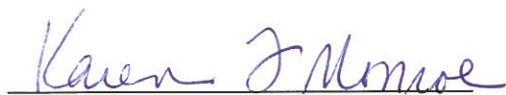
- E. The LPBCC is sponsoring a Clean Up Laurel Park Day to promote Earth Day. The committee agreed to change the date from April 22 to Saturday, April 20. This event was posted in the March-April Town Hall newsletter. Those interested will meet at the Town Hall at 9:00 am to pick up a safety vest and bags. Bring your own gloves. Pat LaSalle has agreed to man and organize volunteers to certain locations for clean-up.
- F. Pat LaSalle received a quote from Mad Signtist for the Bee City, USA signs. It is \$190 for four 12" x 12" signs, minus poles. We were informed that the town council is discussing other signs, such as Bird Sanctuary and Tree City. The Bee City sign may possibly be mounted on a pole with these other signs.
- G. Joe Robustelli informed the committee that Bryan and a volunteer conservation group will be installing a wooden bridge near the pollinator garden in Canal Park.
- H. Knox Crowell relayed that the logo and ink stamp has been ordered and will arrive in the mail any day now.
- I. John Monroe has requested that LPBCC members look at pollinator brochures available online and submit their favorite ones for us to order.

New Business:

- A. Committee members are encouraged to take pictures at our various events to include with the Bee City, USA annual renewal for next year.
- B. Three trees will be planted in Canal Park for Arbor Day.
- C. The next LPBCC meeting will be held Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

With there being no further business, Pat LaSalle motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Karen Monroe and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

ATTEST:



Karen F. Monroe