



## Town of Laurel Park Bee Committee

**Date of Meeting:** November 19, 2024

**Time of Meeting:** 4:30 pm

**Location:** Town Hall, 441 White Pine Drive, Laurel Park NC 28739

1. Call to Order
2. Record those in attendance.
3. Agenda:
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Approval of the Minutes
6. **Old Business**
  - a. World Bee Day, Leave the Leaves, Plant Native Plants and Turn Off the Lights 4'x4' banners being considered. There is money in the budget for additional banners. The cost is \$100. Pat LaSalle will order.
  - b. Pat LaSalle has reached out to Caitlyn Gendusa (Hendersonville Sustainability representative) in multiple attempts to coordinate LPBCC efforts with those of the Hendersonville's. To date no response has been received.
  - c. In hope of increasing LPBCC membership, Denise Layfield and Anne Hartig have volunteered to contact area HOAs.
7. **New Business**
  - a. Approval of August 20, 2024 LPBCC Regular meeting minutes.
  - b. Approval of LPBCC 2025 Calendar
  - c. LPBC official Bee City renewal for 2025. We've spearheaded >3 public events thus far in 2024 and continue to amass data supporting our renewal application. Additional discussion with Tamara about aggregating required documentation for our renewal application in a central location to streamline the application process is needed. Karen Monroe is amassing relevant data for the LPBCC 2025 renewal application.
  - d. LPBCC would like to participate in (and eventually sponsor) Pollinator-centric Field Trips for LP residents. To this end, the committee will identify, then reach out to, potential destinations for these trips.
  - e. Comprehensive pollinator-friendly **Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** plan for Laurel Park's pollinator parks as developed by Susan Brook -Are additional details

still needed? (*Attendant to the IPM plan would be an outreach & educational effort to secure relevant speakers. Area HOAs would be contacted so to extend the effort's reach.*)

- f. Collaboration with Extension Office – has new person been added to our area Extension Office? It was suggested that the LPBCC reach out to this new person (once identified) to coordinate increased Pollinator/habitat collaboration with the Extension Office's efforts.
- g. LPBCC to undertake additional plantings in Canal Park pollinator garden this fall.
- h. The stream in Laurel Green Park has been invaded by Marsh Dew Flower. Volunteers are needed to help remove it in any way that they can, possibly using a blow torch. Is this still relevant since Hurricane Helene? Or is it, now, more urgent than ever? Canal Park pollinator garden can be expanded, but the Laurel Green Park stream will take priority.
- i. The LPBCC is considering participating in Earth Day in Hendersonville in April 2025. And possibly in Laurel Park's Founders Day, Centennial Celebration.
- j. Movie nightS? in Town Hall e.g. documentary movie night for 2025 (Disney Nature Wings of Life, others?)

## 8. Adjourn