



## Town of Laurel Park Bee Committee

**Date of Meeting:** September 17, 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. Two Official (24"x24") Bee City USA Affiliate signs have been received. As of August 12, 2024 signs has been installed in their designated places – some adjustment may yet be appropriate for the sign on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. TBD.
  - b. World Bee Day, Leave the Leaves, Plant Native Plants and Turn Off the Lights 4'x4' banners still being considered. There is money in the budget for additional banners. The cost is \$100. Pat LaSalle will order.
  - c. Pat LaSalle has reached out to Caitlyn Gendusa (Asheville Sustainability representative) in multiple attempts to coordinate LPBCC efforts with those of the Asheville's. To date no response has been received.
  - d. Denise Layfield has undertaken efforts, and Anne Hartig has volunteered to help in contacting area HOAs in hope of increasing LPBCC membership.
  - e. Pat LaSalle has worked to get Laurel Park listed in the Henderson County Pollinator Trail.
  - f. LPBCC would like to participate in (and eventually sponsor) Pollinator-centric Field Trips for LP residents. Places to consider: Bullington Garden, Dahlias in Bloom in mid-September and Milkweed Meadows. There was a Pollinator Garden Tour at Flat Rock Playhouse on July 26. This occurs on the last Friday of every month. Karen Monroe to reach out to Kim Bailey at Milkweed Farms for additional tour information.
  - g. Comprehensive pollinator-friendly **Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** plan for Laurel Park's pollinator parks continues to be developed by Susan Brooks.  
*(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.)*

- h. Preview of Disney Nature Wings of Life resulted in the committee deciding not to show this movie because of lack of relevance to Western N.C. and general educational value. We will be showing “Tales from the Hive” instead, today at 6:30 p.m..
- i. Shred day and attendant Great Southeast Pollinator Census – count days August 23-24 was a success. We await the results of the Census.
- j. Collaboration with Extension Office – new person to be 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.

## **7. New Business**

- a. Approval of August 20, 2024 LPBCC Regular meeting minutes.
- b. LPBC official Bee City renewal for 2025. We’ve spearheaded >3 public events thus far 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.
- c. Local habitat renewal education and field trips to be spearheaded by LPBCC.
- d. LPBCC to undertake additional plantings in Canal Park pollinator garden this fall.
- e. Movie night in Town Hall scheduled for 6:30 p.m. September 17, 2024. Email sent to Tamara for inclusion on calendar.
- f. Documentary movie night for 2025 (Disney Nature Wings of Life, others?)

## **8. Adjourn**