

Bee City Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2024 – 3:00 p.m.

Mr. John Monroe called the in-person Laurel Park Bee City Committee Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on August 20, 2024.

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

Anne Hartig
John Monroe
Karen Monroe
Joe Robustelli
Pat LaSalle
Rebecca Roberts

The agenda was distributed, and Anne Hartig motioned to approve, and Joe Robustelli seconded. The motion to approve the agenda was unanimous.

Anne Hartig motioned to approve the minutes of July 16, 2024. Joe Robustelli seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

- A. Two Bee City, USA signs have been installed in Laurel Park. One is on Hebron near Hendersonville Country Club and the other is on 5th Avenue. The committee would like to advance the 5th Avenue sign a few feet up the mountain for better visibility. Both signs sit low and need to be raised. Pat LaSalle will research an extender to elevate both.
- B. Several new pollinator banners are being considered, the next being Leave the Leaves. The cost is \$100. Pat LaSalle will order.
- C. Pat LaSalle has made multiple attempts to reach Caitlin Gendusa (Asheville Sustainability representative) to coordinate LPBCC efforts with those of Asheville. She has not received a response and will discontinue trying.
- D. Anne Hartig volunteered to reach out to Denise Layfield to assist with contacting HOA's to increase LPBCC membership.
- E. Pat LaSalle has added Canal Park, Laurel Green Park and Rhododendron Park to the Henderson County Pollinator Trail on Conserving Carolina website.
- F. Our amazing Pat LaSalle will also share pollinator educational links with Tamara to include on the town website.
- G. The LPBCC would like to extend an invitation to Laurel Park residents to attend Dahlias in Bloom at Bullington Gardens on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 10:00 am. Joe Robustelli will be there as our host. John Monroe will notify Tamara to make an announcement regarding this field trip.

- H. Susan Brooks is out of town but continues to develop the IPM (Integrated Pest Management) plan.
- I. DVDs are now available for Laurel Park residents to check out through Town Hall. Thank you, Knox Crowell!
- J. Several committee members attended the Great Pollinator Census seminar on August 15, 2024, at Town Hall. There will be another online presentation of the seminar, date to be determined.

New Business:

- A. Minutes were approved as stated above.
- B. The committee previewed “Disney Nature Wings of Life”, narrated by Meryl Streep. Although beautifully filmed, the LPBCC decided to preview another movie that was more educational and applicable to WNC.
- C. August 23, 2024, is Shred Day. The LPBCC will have a table with educational materials and will be promoting the Great SE Pollinator Census. Beekeepers, Jim Poe and Pat Roe will also educate and have honey available to purchase.
- D. The Extension Office is still looking to hire. Once the position is filled the committee will coordinate a collaboration with them to increase pollinator habitat.
- E. John Monroe will bring bee/pollinator brochures to the Extension Office for them to have available at their table for the Apple Festival, August 30 to September 2, 2024.
- F. Karen Monroe is amassing data supporting our renewal application for 2025.
- G. LPBCC will continue to spearhead field trips. In addition to Dahlias in Bloom, there is a Pollinator Garden Tour at Flat Rock Playhouse the last Friday of the month. In the spring, Karen Monroe will contact Kim Bailey at Milkweed Farms to schedule a tour.
- H. In the fall, LPBCC will undertake additional plantings in Canal Park’s pollinator garden
- I. The LPBCC will have a movie night in Town Hall for 6:30 pm on September 17, 2024. We will be showing “Tales of the Hive”, by NOVA
- J. The next meeting will be September 17, 2024, at 4:30 pm in the Town Hall.

With there being no further business, John Monroe motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Anne Hartig and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm.

ATTEST:



Karen F. Monroe