

**Bee City Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2024 – 4:30 p.m.**

Mr. John Monroe called the in-person Laurel Park Bee City Committee Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on September 17, 2024.

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

Susan Brooks
John Monroe
Karen Monroe
Joe Robustelli
Pat LaSalle
Knox Crowell
Jim Poe

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

Joe Robustelli motioned to approve the minutes of August 20, 2024. Pat LaSalle seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

- A. The LPBCC unanimously approved the height and location of the two Bee City USA signs.
- B. Pat LaSalle will write up a requisition and estimate for a banner and Joe Robustelli will present it for approval to the Parks and Greenways Committee. Once approved, Pat will order a Leave the Leaves Banner for the fall season. The Xerces Society will be presenting a media packet for the banner at the end of September.
- C. Pat LaSalle has made multiple attempts to reach Caitlin Gendusa (Hendersonville Bee City USA representative) to coordinate LPBCC efforts with those of Hendersonville. She has not received a response and will discontinue trying.
- D. Denise Layfield and Anne Hartig will continue their efforts to reach out to our local Laurel Park HOA's.
- E. Pat LaSalle has added Canal Park, Laurel Green Park and Rhododendron Park to the Henderson County Pollinator Trail on Conserving Carolina website.
- F. Monday, September 23, 2024, will be a pollinator-centric field trip for Laurel Park residents. We have invited the residents to join us at Bullington Gardens, Dahlias in Bloom.
- G. Susan Brooks presented the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan to the committee. Jim Poe suggested expanding it and when finalized it will be added to the annual renewal.

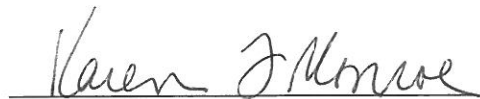
- H. Tonight, at 6:30 pm, the LPBCC will be showing the movie, "Tales from the Hive", at Town Hall to Laurel Park residents.
- I. The SE Pollinator Census closed yesterday, September 16, 2024. The Census is in its third year, and we don't know when the data will be available. The committee would like to reach a greater audience, in addition to Shred Day. Karen Monroe proposed reaching out to younger people at schools or the library. Pat LaSalle suggested to put this on a planning session for next year.
- J. The LPBCC will contact the NC Extension Office when the newly appointed officer is available for us to collaborate with.

New Business:

- A. Minutes were approved as stated above.
- B. The LP Bee City renewal is due in 2025. We've spearheaded three public events and Karen Monroe is amassing data to support our application.
- C. 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.
- D. Canal Park pollinator garden can be expanded, but the Laurel Green Park stream will take priority.
- E. The LPBCC is considering participating in Earth Day in Hendersonville in April 2025. And possibly in Laurel Park's Founders Day, Centennial Celebration.
- F. Jim Poe, a local beekeeper has volunteered to a Q&A session for residents, in the spring, possibly March.
- G. The next meeting will be October 15, 2024, at 4:30 pm in the Town Hall.

With there being no further business, Knox Crowell motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Joe Robustelli and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 pm.

ATTEST:



Karen F. Monroe