

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

Mr. John Monroe called the in-person Laurel Park Bee City Committee Meeting to order at 4:46 p.m. on November 19, 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

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

John Monroe motioned to approve the minutes of September 17, 2024. Pat LaSalle seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

- A. Leave the Leaves and all banners that the committee was considering purchasing, are on hold till next year due to Hurricane Helene.
- B. Since we have had no response from the Hendersonville Bee Committee, Pat LaSalle will contact the president of the Asheville Bee Committee for collaboration.
- C. In hopes of increasing LPBCC membership, Denise Layfield and Anne Hartig will continue to contact area HOA's. Joe Robustelli suggested we add to the Laurel Park newsletter that the committee is looking for new Bee Committee members.

New Business:

- A. Minutes were approved as stated above.
- B. John Monroe motioned to approve the LPBCC meeting schedule/calendar for 2025. Pat LaSalle seconded, and the committee unanimously approved.
- C. Karen Monroe continues to amass relevant data for the LPBCC 2025 renewal application.
- D. The committee would like to tour Kim Bailey's pollinator garden in the spring and possibly contact Spriggly's Beescaping for a lecture.
- E. Susan Brooks continues to focus on the IPM plan and will attend a webinar coming up.
- F. The NC extension office has hired a new employee, Leigh, that we can collaborate with. Joe Robustelli has given her a tour of our Laurel Park gardens.

- G. Fall planting for Canal Park was cancelled due to Hurricane Helene. Our bee hotel in the park is filling up with occupants!
- H. The Marsh Dew Flower in the Laurel Green Park stream is now dormant. The situation will be reassessed in September or before, when it blooms.
- I. The committee will reach out to Knox Crowell to see if we can participate in Laurel Parks Founders Day for the Centennial Celebration.
- J. We will not plan a movie night at this time due to a lack of interest in the community.
- K. Our next LPBCC meeting will be December 17, 2024, at 4:30 pm at the Town Hall.

With there being no further business, John Monroe motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Joe Robustelli and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 pm.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karen F. Monroe", is written over a horizontal line.

Karen F. Monroe