



## **Town of Laurel Park Bee Committee**

**Date of Meeting:** March 18, 2025

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

**Location:** Laurel Park Town Hall

1. Call to Order.
2. Record those in attendance.
3. Approval of this Agenda.
4. Approval of December 2024 Minutes.

### **5. Old Business**

- a. Denise Layfield's proposal to hire Spriggly's and other post-Helene efforts to replace tree canopy losses postponed until Fall when bare root sales are more plentiful from NC Forestry Service. Knox has secured catalogs/information from a place in Pennsylvania with species appropriate to Laurel Park.
- b. Great success of February 27, 2025 program at Congregational Church. Superb attendance.
- c. Anne Hartig proposed a postcard mailing to inform residents of a spring and fall, planting and an investigation of mailing costs by the Parks & Greenways Committee.

### **6. New Business**

- a. Susan Brook's Integrated Pest Management plan has been updated and expanded. Meeting proposed to brainstorm and develop the plan further was postponed – need to set new date and notify Town for bureaucratic compliance. John Monroe's notes from last LPBCC meeting indicated his having checked with Town to ensure Town Hall was available. However, a couple of days before the proposed meeting date John M. learned the space was not available and proper notice was not posted.
- b. John M. proposed to Joe that he would be the ideal candidate to develop LP Certified Pollinator Habitat Guidelines. Regrettably, Joe, in the throes of moving, is unable to undertake this project. Need to find a champion to shepherd this project forward.
- c. Knox C. and John M. have surveyed Rhododendron Park for places to have loads of free wood chips from Epperson's and Murphy's Tree Services. Additionally, Knox, Brandon (LP Public Works) and Bobbie Trotter discussed this further. From Knox: 20-30 Musser Forests plant catalogs will hopefully be here in time for Steve Pettis' talk Thursday afternoon. I met with Steve, our catalog in hand.

He helpfully marked it up with appropriate selections for replanting. He is happy with the idea though previously unfamiliar with the company. I've set up a list from that and will have what amounts to a bookmark for each with that info and an Extension Service website or two to the same end. This does not negate using the State's plant services and offerings, but allows another avenue for residents. Additionally: moving forward on this effort, well received by all present. Next: work up basic proposal that addresses logistics and concerns (e.g. where to stage chips, dumping precautions/expectations, marking off areas with ribbons and notifications to public at site of what is going on. Once proposal is composed, present to Town Manager.

- d. Any relevant items that Pat, Joe or Denise may have from recent Parks and Greenways meetings.

## 7. Adjournment