



Town of Laurel Park Bee Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: April 15, 2025

Time of Meeting: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Laurel Park Town Hall

1. Call to Order – Chairman John Monroe called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m.
2. Record those in attendance – President John Monroe; Susan Brooks; Anne Hartig; Pat LaSalle and Recording Secretary Karen Monroe. Also in attendance, Stephanie Eaves.
3. Approval of this Agenda. Motion: Pat L. and Second: Karen M. Approved.
4. Approval of March 2025 Minutes. Motion: John M. Second: Pat L. Approved.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. The progress on invasive vines clean-up in Canal Park has been delayed. The Regional Planning Commission of Henderson County contends there is a water feature near the vines and is concerned with disturbing drainage and stormwater management with the removal of these vines. Aaron, the assistant town manager, attended the meeting and recommended that the commission inspect the site because it is a dry area until rain comes, and the mountain runoff forms a ditch. There is no water feature. Denise Layfield has acquired bids for the clean-up from two contractors. The commission will approve a contractor to clear the land if thirty feet from either side of the so-called water feature remains untouched. The sixty feet are where most of the vines are that need to be removed. There is no date set for the commission to inspect the water feature (ditch).
 - b. Anne Hartig proposed putting a postcard mailing on hold because of costs around \$1200 for the cards and postage and possible overlap with the Invasive Vines Committee. The information regarding fall planting can be added to the Laurel Park newsletter.
 - c. Karen M. completed an application to attain a Certified Pollinator Garden certificate through Bee City, Asheville. She explained the process to the LPBCC and the committee members decided to modify the process for interested Laurel Park residents. Further guidelines will be decided in the coming meetings. John M. and Pat L. will set up a meeting with Aaron to discuss adding the certificate to the Laurel Park website.

6. New Business

- a. The LPBCC followed up on the Integrated Pest Management plan and Pat L. motioned to approve and Karen M. seconded, with the committee unanimously approving the plan.
- b. The committee would like to create a list of pollinator-friendly seed mixes. Susan B. recommended a pollinator palooza seed mix from Prairie Farms and Karen M. suggested local resources, Mellow Marsh Farms and Sow True Seeds as possibilities.
- c. Pat L. presented relevant information from the Parks and Greenways meeting as cited in New Business (a.)
- d. John M. proposed the LPBCC consider an X account. After discussing, the members decided to possibly join the Laurel Park X account, as we are spread thin with little manpower.
- e. Our next meeting will be on May 20, 2025, at 4:00 pm at 130 Lake Drive in Laurel Park.
- f. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 pm. Motion: Pat L. Second: John M. Approved.

ATTEST:

Karen F. Monroe

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John K. Monroe