



Town of Laurel Park Bee Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: May 20, 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 4:35 p.m.
2. Record those in attendance – President John Monroe; Susan Brooks; Pat LaSalle; Knox Crowell; Bobbie Trotter; and Recording Secretary Karen Monroe. Also in attendance, Jessica Slomba, Bobbies neighbor.
3. Approval of this Agenda. Motion: Karen M. and Second: Susan B. Approved.
4. Approval of April 2025 Minutes. Motion: Pat L. Second: John M. Approved.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. The Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM) was approved and will be shared with the Parks and Greenways Committee.
 - b. The LPBCC wants to initiate a Certified Pollinator Garden program fashioned after Asheville's process, but a web presence needs to be established. The Town of Laurel Park is in the process of changing IT providers.
 - c. The Parks and Greenways committee have decided to purchase native pollinator garden seeds from Mills River Seed Company. The LPBCC can recommend this to Laurel Park residents as a resource for pollinator needs.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Pat L. stated that the Parks and Greenways committee has identified Japanese knotweed growing in Wash Creek that needs to be eradicated. There is also a need for some beautification along Ecusta Trail between Southern Streams Coffee Shop and Laurel Green Park. This is a project that the LPBCC can possibly assist with.
 - b. The LPBCC tabled the Twitter account idea.
 - c. Pat L. and John M. met with Aaron Hollis, Assistant Town Manager, May 15, 2025 to discuss the development of Laurel Park centralized hosted data storage for the LPBCC. Discussed was the inclusion of a "Certified Pollinator Garden" page within the LP website for an application and certification and data accumulation relevant to Bee City renewal certification.

- d. The LPBCC will hang the Pollinator Week banner for the celebration of Pollinator Week June 16 to 25. Currently there is a Centennial Celebration banner that went up in place of the No Mow May banner. The previous Town Manager created a banner calendar to assist with organizing banner rotations. Bobbie T. will check to see if the calendar is still in existence. Knox C. will inquire about procuring a lighted bee sculpture to raise pollinator awareness. And the solar bee lights can be hung on the gazebo in Laurel Green Park, as we did last year.
- e. Our next meeting will be on June 17, 2025, at 4:30 pm at Laurel Park Town Hall.
- f. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm. Motion: Karen M. Second: Pat L. Approved.

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Karen F. Monroe

John K. Monroe