Town of Laurel Park
Bee Committee Minutes
Date: September 16, 2025, at 4:30 PM
Location: 441 White Pine Drive Laurel Park, NC 28739

1. **Call to Order**
   The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Susan Brooks at 4:30 p.m. Members Knox Crowell, Mary Ann Hooten, Monte Kruger, Denise Layfield and Anne Hartig were present. Susan B noted that the committee needs to elect a vice president and recording secretary in the near future.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**
   The agenda was unanimously approved by call of the chair.

3. **Approval of the Minutes**
   August 2025 minutes were unanimously approved by call of the chair.

4. **New Business**
   The committee welcomed new member Mary Ann Hooten, Laurel Park resident. Members welcomed Mary Ann and thanked her for her interest in the committee.

5. **Old Business**
   Members discussed the update on Canal Park. The park needs to be cleared of invasive plant species again, most especially kudzu and wisteria vines. Plans for landscaping will continue to be considered, including plans to adjust the grade on terraces and remediate erosion along Lake Drive in several locations along the park border. Monte's husband will provide the committee with materials that could protect the land from runoff. The committee discussed two pathways: Leaving the land contours as they are or grade the land and change its contours for more water resiliency. A motion was made by Monte and seconded by Anne to recommend to the parks and greenways board. The motion stated that the bee committee recommends that an infrastructure be created at Canal Park by land grading and addressing the runoff pathways to mitigate water run-off before planting can begin. The motion was approved unanimously. Knox said he would like to see a plot of land that could be a "community garden" where the public is invited to plant things and take small cuttings, i.e. herbs as a way for residents to "get their hands in the dirt," most especially children. In another topic, Monte agreed to get in touch with Ecusta Trail developers to gain an understanding of whether biocides will be used along the trail

sides in Laurel Park and what signage rules are. Denise agreed to email the committee a small list of seed suppliers.

6. **Adjournment**
   At 5:25 p.m. by consent of those present.
   Minutes were submitted September 16, 2025, by interim recording secretary Denise Layfield.