



Town of Laurel Park Bee Committee Minutes

Date of Meeting: June 17, 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 4:34 p.m.
2. Record those in attendance – President John Monroe; Susan Brooks; Anne Hartig; Pat LaSalle, Knox Crowell, Denise Layfield, and Recording Secretary Karen Monroe. Also in attendance, Kelley Singer.
3. Approval of this Agenda. Motion: Pat L. and Second: Karen M. Approved.
4. Approval of May 2025 Minutes. Motion: John M. Second: Pat L. Approved.
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Pat L. and John M. met with Aaron Hollis, Laurel Park assistant town manager May 15, 2025, to discuss data storage and a link to a certified pollinator habitat page. Since the town is in the process of transitioning to a new IT provider, they will reconvene in July 2025.
 - b. The bee sculpture design and placement to promote pollinator awareness is still in the development stage. Knox C. purchased solar string lights to outline the bee sculpture, but he's assessing the features and functions to determine if they meet his specifications.
6. **New Business**
 - a. The LPBCC Integrated Pest Management Plan was presented to the Parks & Greenways Committee last month. George Banta, Laurel Park Commissioner and Council representative presented his IPM to the bee committee with suggestions and a vision statement to be incorporated. While the LPBCC has developed a pollinator focused IPM plan to meet the requirements of remaining a Bee City, George Banta and the Parks & Greenways Committee would like to incorporate a more comprehensive plan that can be adopted by the town council.
 - b. The committee discussed the timing and speaker for a presentation on pollinator planning. The presentation will be hosted at the Congregational Church and Anne Warner, from Parks & Greenways, has volunteered to organize the event.
 - c. Denise Layfield emphasized the importance of restoring Laurel Park's tree canopy. She suggested the creation of a Tree committee to educate the public and promote restoration.

- d. Canal Park is being transformed into a pollinator habitat with a focus on native plants and creating a more inviting space. The committee is encouraged to provide input on plant selection and placement.
- e. Our next meeting will be July 15, 2025, at 4:30 pm at Laurel Park Town Hall.
- f. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm. Motion: Pat L. Second: John M. Approved.

ATTEST:

Karen F. Monroe

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John K. Monroe