

**Bee City Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2024 – 4:30 p.m.**

Mr. John Monroe called the in-person Laurel Park Bee City Committee Meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. on April 16, 2024.

The following attended at Town Hall, 441 White Pine Drive, Laurel Park, NC 28739:

Knox Crowell
John Monroe
Karen Monroe
Pat LaSalle
Susan Brooks
Joe Robustelli
Denise Layfield
Anne Hartig

The agenda was distributed. Denise Layfield motioned to approve. Anne Hartig seconded. The motion to approve the agenda was unanimous.

Denise Layfield motioned to approve the minutes of March 19, 2024. John Monroe seconded the motion and the committee unanimously approved.

Old Business:

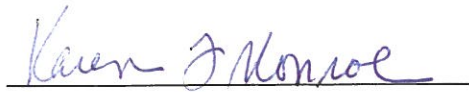
- A. Denise Layfield will put in a budget request for three “Pardon the Weeds, I’m Feeding the Bees signs. They are being sold by the Hendersonville Beekeepers for \$15.00 to promote No Mow May. They will be placed in Rhododendron Park to promote and explain the Initiative. Denise has noted native trilliums popping up in the new natural areas of the park!
- B. We have received the Bee City and No Mow May banners which we would like displayed as soon as possible.
- C. Knox Crowell has purchased pollinator seeds from the local Dollar Tree that could be sown for enlarging the natural footprint of Rhododendron Park.
- D. Pat LaSalle will submit the cost of \$145.00 for the two banners and John Monroe will submit \$38.50 for the cost of brochures.
- E. The LPBCC is sponsoring a Clean Up Laurel Park for Earth Day on Saturday April 20, 2024 at 9:00 am. Bring your gloves.
- F. Knox Crowell acquired the LPBCC stamp and inepad, and Karen Monroe will stamp the brochures with the logo.
- G. Knox Crowell volunteered to create a list of available DVDs and submit the inventory of the LPBCC media library to Alex.

New Business:

- A. Denise Layfield will reach out to Alex regarding the Laurel Park Bee City sign. The DOT standard is 24" x 24". Pat LaSalle is going to request to be on the Town Council agenda . Their meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am.
- B. Knox Crowell will research if the \$46.00 bulk seed packet from Eden Bros. is native to our area. If so, we could consider spreading in our pollinator parks.
- C. Knox Crowell has obtained the file for the cards that display and identify all the different bees and he will print some for the committee.
- D. Ilene Broome has space for the LPBCC on the Laurel Park website. Pat LaSalle has volunteered to send her information on No Mow May along with the QR code from Xerces to be placed on website and the enclosed boxes in the parks. John Monroe will update information quarterly to keep it current. World Bee Day is May 20 and Pollinator Week is June 17-23.
- E. Our next LPBCC meeting is Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

With there being no further business, Pat LaSalle motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Karen Monroe and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen F. Monroe". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Karen F. Monroe