

Minutes for Williamstown Bee City USA Committee
February 13th, 2024 4:30pm, Williamstown City Building

The Bee City USA Committee of Williamstown, WV held a meeting on February 18th, 2024 at 4:30p.m. in the Mayor's Office in the Williamstown City Building. In attendance was Marty Seufer, Jim Stage, Calvin Blevins, Randy Dick, Edie Lemon, Joyce McDougal and Shanda King.

The committee reviewed the 2023 year's activities. Joyce and Edie updated the year in the Armstrong Garden and stated they will be adding more bee habitat, a shade garden area, metal watering troughs for the pollinators and roses on the northeast section of the property. The group listed 14 other pollinator gardens that have been added and/or updated in the past year. Marty also stated he had made Bee City presentations to the Parkersburg Women's Club and the Blennerhassett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The group also discussed the successful program held at the Williamstown Library last summer for Elementary School Children.

Marty stated he is currently working on the annual renewal that is required to maintain the Bee City status. The invoice for the annual fee has been submitted to the city for payment. The report is due to be submitted by the end of February.

A group that is starting what they hope to be an annual event, The MOV Native Plant Sale, reached out to our group to see if there is any interest in being a sponsor of the event. It was unclear if they were looking for financial donations or participation in the event. It was decided that Joyce will reach out to them for more information to see exactly what type of sponsorship they are looking for.

Amy Houser from the Williamstown Women's Club reached out to let the group know they will be having a plant/flower sale on Saturday, May 11th. They intend to have a lot of pollinator information and would appreciate anything we could give to them to pass out.

The group then discussed plans for the current year. Armstrong Garden will be a major part of those plans. It was decided the summer library program will be held again this year and the group will participate in the community information day again if it is held by the city.

Shanda King suggested the idea of adding a seed library on the Armstrong property which was well received by the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm