



CITY OF WILLIAMSTOWN, WV “Bee City USA” Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 – 6:30pm

Williamstown City Council Offices

***** MEETING NOTES *****

In Attendance: Marty Seufer

Jodi Smith

Stacy Morris

Jim Stage

Teresa Wagoner

Bob Koch

Cynthia Davis (by phone)

Madeline Scarborough

Joyce McDougal

Jennifer Houston

Eddie Lemon

Flyers were handed out for the upcoming speaker series event to be held on Monday, January 27th at 7:00pm. The speaker will be Sheldon Owen from WVU Extension and will cover pollinator habitats. Teresa Wagoner requested 50 copies to be placed in packets for the 2020 Mid-Ohio Valley Beekeepers Expo. Marty will reach out to the Master Gardeners to make them aware this talk can be used as education hours for their program. Eddie Lemon will pick up a snack tray at Sams Club and the city will reimburse her for the cost.

Speakers for February (Susan Olcott, WVDNR) and for March (Brandy Brabham, WVU Extension Service) were noted. Jodi Smith is coordinating this for the group.

A proof of a proposed Bee City USA sign for the city was presented for review and approved as presented. It will be placed in the Armstrong Garden. Edie Lemon made a request that the structure where the sign will be placed be power washed.

Joyce McDougal gave an update on the Armstrong Garden. She said we need to layout the proposed pathway prior to deciding what to plant. It was generally agreed this is an item to be done after the winter has passed, probably in March.

A draft of an application for pollinator certified gardens was given to the group for review by Joyce McDougal. It was agreed this would be reviewed and voted on at the next meeting. Marty added that he would like to see some requirements for vegetable gardens.

A blank copy of the Bee City USA Annual Certification form was provided to the group. It lists several areas that the group needs to address before we are required in 2021 to file a report. Marty stated he would still like to send in a report this year even though we are not required to.

Marty stated he will be speaking to the Williamstown Women's Club on January 27th at 1:00, The Williamstown Lions Club on February 6th at 6:30pm and to the Marietta Natural History Society on February 20th at 7:00pm. He urged other members to accompany him and stated he would like others in the group to speak to groups to get our message out there. Stacy Morris said she would like to present a bee educational program to the elementary school children but as of now her job precludes her from being able to do that. Teresa Wagoner added that the MOV Beekeepers has been discussing the possibility of holding an educational day in the city park that would be mainly geared towards children.

Edie Lemon stated she had spoken to two different plant providers at the Marietta Farmers Market and they have agreed to sell native pollinator plants next year at the market. She will continue to coordinate this with them.

Teresa Wagoner provided information regarding the Mid-Ohio Valley Beekeepers Association 2020 Expo to be held at WVU Parkersburg on Saturday, January 25th. She stated information is available on their website at www.movba.org.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

