

Minutes for Williamstown Bee City USA Committee
April 25th, 2023 5:30pm, Williamstown City Building

The Bee City USA Committee of Williamstown, WV held a meeting on April 25th, 2023 at 5:30p.m. in the Mayor's Office in the Williamstown City Building. In attendance was Marty Seufer, Jim Stage, Calvin Blevins, Randy Dick, Edie Lemon, Lois Dye and Joyce McDougal.

Marty informed the committee that the year-end final report and fee has been submitted to the National Organization for consideration and renewal of the program. He stated he did not anticipate any problems with the report and renewal should be approved as the group has met all the necessary requirements. He stated the report should be on the national Bee City USA website soon.

Joyce reported on the Armstrong Garden. She has plans to place fencing up along the garden along the vinyl fence. She will be adding plants she has grown to the garden this year. She stated the weekly work parties will be held the same as last year, on Thursday mornings at 9:00am. Marty stated he will get this information placed on the Facebook page.

The committee discussed plans for this upcoming year. The group agreed to continue using the interview format on the webpage and the Facebook page instead of holding live seminars. This will enable the information to be readily available to anyone throughout the year. Another idea was to ask the library to participate in some kind of pollinator program for children this summer. A free t-shirt to participating children was one idea for the event as well as having books read to the children that are related to pollinators. Randy Dick stated he will contact the library to see if they are interested. Edie suggested a flower seed giveaway may be appropriate for this also.

Marty asked the group if they would be in favor of purchasing promotional material for our group. He stated when we are speaking to groups or manning an information table it would be nice to have a shirt or something to identify that we are representing Bee City. The group was in agreement and Marty stated he will pursue this and bring some suggestions to the group at the next meeting.

The city needs to purchase 2 additional signs designating Williamstown as the first Bee City USA program in the state.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm