Minutes for Williamstown Bee City USA Committee May 3, 6:00pm, Williamstown City Building

The Bee City USA Committee of Williamstown, WV held a meeting on May 3, 2022 at 6:00p.m. in the Williamstown City Building. The meeting was originally scheduled to be held in the Armstrong Garden but was moved inside due to inclement weather. In attendance was Marty Seufer, Jim Stage, Calvin Blevins, Randy Dick and Joyce McDougal.

Marty stated he would like to see the committee members changed to active members who are participating in the group. Marty, Jim Stage, Calvin Blevins and Joyce McDougal all stated they would be members. Marty is going to reach out to some of the current members to determine if they wish to remain on the list. As soon as that is compiled he will take the list to the city council for their approval.

Joyce reported on the Armstrong Garden. Many early flowers are blooming and playing host to several bee species. Joyce stated she is adding several different habitats to the garden, the latest being logs. She stated she has several plants growing at this time that will be moved into the garden.

Marty informed the group of requirements we must meet to maintain our status as a Bee City community. He stated we have met all the initial requirements over the past two years and we will need to establish policies and procedures as well as adding signs for the city entrances and also holding some type of pollinator awareness event. These items need to be accomplished in 2022.

It was suggested the group consider sponsoring the pollinator strip gardens for 4th graders in the Williamstown area this summer. It is believed we have several of the kits remaining from last year so the investment would be minimal for the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm