

Minutes for Williamstown Bee City USA Committee
April 15, 2021, 6:30pm, Zoom Online Internet Meeting

The Bee City USA Committee of Williamstown, WV held a meeting on April 15, 2021 at 6:30p.m. on Zoom virtual link. In attendance was Marty Seufer, Joyce McDougale, Jodi Smith, Paula Rankin, Edie Lemon, and Sharon Dye.

The new Bee City USA website at beecityusa.org was discussed. Recertification has been completed and submitted for 2020 as well as the \$100.00 fee paid for 2021. The requirements for 2021 are in the planning stages. Marty is working on the Integration Pest Management program that limits the use of pesticides and provides alternative methods.

A host pollinator awareness event is in the works and the city council will sign a proclamation recognizing Pollinator Awareness Week in June.

Joyce reported on the Armstrong gardens. Plants are looking good and she will be setting a work day. A pergola has been purchased and will be erected in the near future.

The youth garden program was discussed. Sharon will contact fourth grade teachers at both schools in town to see if students would be interested. She will follow up with committee members.

Suncatchers are still available at the city building.

Hunter Benkoski, a graduate student at Western Colorado University, is doing a research project on bumblebees through our Bee City USA program. She will share her research upon completion.