

Minutes for Williamstown Bee City USA Committee  
August 31, 2021, 6:30pm, Zoom Online Internet Meeting

The Bee City USA Committee of Williamstown, WV held a meeting on August 31, 2021 at 6:30p.m. on Zoom virtual link. In attendance was Marty Seufer, Joyce McDougale, Jodi Smith, Randy Dick, and Edie Lemon.

Joyce reported on the Armstrong garden. The pergola has been constructed in the garden thanks to the work of Randy Dick and Jim Stage. The plants are doing well in their second season and plans are to leave the seed pods in place for the birds this fall and winter. Several monarch caterpillars have been feeding on the milkweed plants. Edie Lemon has already stated she will be doing another sunflower garden next year on the property and asked anyone who would like to provide seeds to do so.

The youth garden program was discussed. Marty asked for pictures of the students and/or their gardens so we can use them in our annual report.

The proposed Integrated Pest Management program was discussed and it was unanimous to forward the proposal to the City Council for their approval on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. This is the final requirement for the Bee City USA program that has not been met yet.

Marty reminded everyone that the interview with Hunter Benkoski regarding bumblebees is on our website as well as on our Facebook page. Marty further stated he is attempting to get an interview set up with Shanda King, West Virginia Department of Agriculture Apiarist.

The suncatcher program that was run by the Williamstown Lions Club was successful, netting the Bee City program \$1,000.

The Williamstown Public Library now has a section of the library dedicated to Bee City. The group has provided the library with several books on pollinators, native plants, etc.

Marty stated he would like to see this group work with the Williamstown Tree City USA group to promote trees that serve as a food source for pollinators.

Jodi Smith stated she is filing a report with Dupont regarding the grant we received for the program. She also discussed the possibility of this group assisting the Wood County 4-H program with their pollinator garden located at their camp in Mineral Wells. This would take place during the month of June.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm