

CITY OF WILLIAMSTOWN
BEE COMMITTEE
JULY 22, 2019

The Williamstown Bee Committee met on July 22, 2019 at 6:30p.m. Those in attendance were Members Marty Seufer, Teresa Wagoner and via live-feed Cynthia Davis, community members Jim Stage, Edie Lemon, Jodi Smith and Laird Ruble.

Member Seufer stated in reviewing many Bee City websites he found one by the Washington, DC group which features a landscaping garden its citizens can utilize as an example for plantings of their own. Also, the extension agent from Pendleton County, West Virginia, provided information that the best time to plant is late August to allow plant time to establish roots before winter.

Member Stacy Morris has created some examples for placement of plantings in Armstrong Garden.

In regards to Armstrong Garden, there was much discussion regarding where to obtain native plants, utilization of the existing privacy fence as an art interest area and the cleanup of existing plantings to allow for a grassy area along this fence.

Member Seufer stated the Wildlife Center will be transforming their front lawn into a pollinator friendly, meadow-like, garden and has offered use of their facility for meetings. The Wildlife Center is a great asset for our Bee City as their related activities could be included in our Bee City reporting. Also, individuals could have their pollinator gardens included in the reporting.

A suggestion for website updates included information on what is a bee swarm, what to do/not to do for bee swarms and the posting of snippets on how to identify swarms.

Mr. Ruble suggested Williamstown Bee City participate in the West Virginia Day celebration at the Williamstown Welcome Center.

It was suggested Bee City signs be placed at Armstrong Garden and Fenton Park for better visibility.

Numerous speakers were suggested for once a quarter. Shanda King, part-time Bee Inspector, has already committed to be the first speaker. Dates in late October/November and January/February were favorable.