

## **Bee City Minutes**

### **April 28, 2021**

Members Present:

Bill Link, Mary Tinder, Marsha Meredith, Mary Beasley, Cindy Maguire, Kathy Ruitter, Sarah Oswald, Julie Boente, Christine Sanderson, Stephanie Blair, Katie Ashworth, Chloe Hearn

Co-chairman Bill Link called the meeting to order.

### **Yea, We're Doing It!**

B Link walked us (literally!) through plans for the Deanna Demuzio Memorial Garden to be created in front of City Hall. He explained that the two current concrete sections will be demolished and enlarged to contain the three existing lights, a flagpole, and a garden of pollinator plants, especially ones that Deanna loved. He sent a drawing to Lane Knoke who will develop the design. M Tinder mentioned that we have a little over \$500 to begin the work. For donations, she directed making checks out to *Make Carlinville Beautiful* with Demuzio Garden on the subject line. She will turn them over to Winning Communities.

### **Yea, We Did It!**

Members expressed their appreciation for all the thought and hard work that went into the development and implementation of the activities for celebrating Earth Week and Arbor Day. Projects included Bee and Tree City and Campus proclamations, unveiling of the MJM pollinator garden, introduction of the Elaine Link/Lincoln Stone pollinator garden at the Methodist church, the CHS Interact Club program, tree planting at Blackburn, Earth Day activities at the Primary school, installation of the art work done by Intermediate students and the Rural Arts Collaborative, and a Plogging Saturday.

Andrea Duncan created a beautiful montage of the projects and posted it on Facebook. Thank you, Andrea! Christina Sanderson is writing an article for the Enquirer highlighting the celebration and collaboration.

### **Bit O' Honey**

Members discussed the educational opportunities that the agenda item, Bit O' Honey, had offered in the past. They agreed that having a speaker present information on a topic or project added to each meeting. M Meredith reminded us of topics we had previously suggested. Members brainstormed a list of possibilities for upcoming meetings that include: Dr. Jim Bray in May, a June field trip to Eric and Lisa's pollinator garden, bat information in July, and anything by Arvin Pierce. K Ashworth volunteered to contact Eric and Lisa and Dr. Bray to see if they were able and willing to present. Since we ran out of time, we will have more discussion on Bit O' Honey at the May meeting.

### **Upcoming Projects**

M Tinder outlined several upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- Friday, 4/30/21 – weed pull on the Square. 9AM
- Saturday, 5/5/21 – Mulching on the Square. 5 PM
- Tuesday, 5/11/21 – adding color to Square planters. 9 AM

The meeting adjourned at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Beasley.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 5:00 PM** at City Hall