

Bee City USA-Carlinville

Award Ceremony/Meeting Minutes -August 5, 2020

The Bee City group met at the Carlinville High School Pollinator Garden on August 5th, 7:00pm with 49 members and guests in attendance. The agenda was devoted to a tour of the pollinator garden and a joint award ceremony with Tree City USA-Carlinville for volunteerism.

The group was invited to tour the 6 newly planted areas on the CUSD#1 campus, with social distancing and masks encouraged.

An overview of pollinator plantings across town and the parks was presented by Lori Hopping, member of Tree City USA-Carlinville and Mary Tinder, Co-Chair of Bee City USA-Carlinville.

Kevin Bennett, project coordinator of Trees Forever presented framed awards to both Tree City and Bee City, Carlinville on behalf of their support of pollinator plants and insects. Trees, shrubs and pollinator plants were planted over the past two years on 44 sites within the city and in the 6 parks. The volunteers of "Make Carlinville Beautiful and Adopt a Tree Volunteers were thanked by Mayor Demuzio for their hard work and dedication to making the city a beautiful place for residents and visitors while improving the environment.

Youth involvement was the highlight of the program. Brief presentations were made by 11 youth who helped weed, water, chart and label plants, prepared and amended soil, planted trees, shrubs and other pollinator plants. The youth are also involved as "site stewards" and adopt a tree or planter sites.

The event was a celebration for all volunteers in the area and was covered by the local media with expectations of an article and photos to appear in the August 13th edition of the Macoupin County Enquirer Democrat newspaper. Photos were taken by Andrea Duncan and shared with media sources. Other social media resources can be found on Carlinvillebees.org, Carlinville Bees Facebook page and Tree City USA-Carlinville facebook page.

Next Meeting: September 2, 2020, 7:00pm, Granny Wilson's Garden—Wilson Street side, Carlinville Plaza -Agenda items: Tour Granny Wilsons Garden, updates on Integrated Pest Management plan, Vegetables for Food Pantry and old business from July/Aug/ agendas. Please notify Marsha Meredith, Bill Link or Mary Tinder for new agenda items you'd like to see addressed.

--submitted by Mary Tinder