

## September 25, 2019 Bee City - Carlinville Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jan and Larry Pfeiffer, Paula Robinson, Madelynn Sneed (Madelynn.Sneed@ Blackburn.edu) Kathy Ruiter, Mary Beasley, Marsha Meredith, Pat Kowal, Cindy Maguire, Bill Link, Paul Mihalik, Bill Link, Mary Tinder

Notes: Bill link spoke on behalf of the Bee City resolution that the Carlinville City Council passed on September 16, 2019. He also told us about his wife, Elaine Link, former science teacher at Carlinville CUSD#1 and her involvement and awards throughout the state on behalf of bee habitat, pollinators, and data collection. Bill noted that he was involved after her passing with Blackburn College with donations to help them start and enhance bee education and experiences.

Bill Link accepted the role of the committee as Co-Chair with Mary Tinder.

Suggestions from the group: Place the Bee City Sign (donated by XERCES SOCIETY) at the train station. Develop a web page and face book page. Kathy Ruiter and Marsha Meredith will get together to further this discussion. The first educational outreach event has already occurred with 62 Community and College attendees for the September 23, 2019 presentation by Dr. John Marlin, of the University of Illinois. Dr. Marlin spoke about the extensive bee research done in our area and the importance of adding native plants and pollinators in the city and surrounding areas.

The Master Gardeners have had some discussion as to developing a local Native Plant list. Other native plant lists are available at Trees Forever and are based on the Doug Tallamy book recommended by Dr. Marlin. Another potential source for "how to" is the University of Illinois Extension Service. These are on line resources. Paula Robinson also suggests Prairie Moon, a Minnesota based organization and Forrest Keeling, a nursery in Elsbury, Missouri.

Several people showed interest in learning more about a pest management plan. CUSD#1 is a good resource, as they have a written plan, (John Klos is the certified staff member) and also Alvin Pierce, the Beekeeper for Blackburn College is very involved in pest management and is also certified.

All responsibilities of the resolution were discussed and it was decided that our next meeting will be at 9:00am, on Thursday, October 24th at City Hall. Bill Link will ask for the room to be reserved. Each member is to review the resolution and decide where their highest interest lies and report out to the group at the next meeting.

Additions and corrections to the minutes will be addressed at the beginning of the next meeting, then approved.

- Submitted by Mary Tinder