



# Biogaian meeting minutes, June 2024

## Garden Gates

Paul will be rebuilding the three garden gates this summer. The wood was purchased last year. He she will reach out for help with the installation.

## Surface water management - preparation for inspection

The County comes out each year to inspect our surface water management system. We will wait to hear from the inspector before doing the preparation work which includes weed whacking the swales, cleaning out all culverts, clearing around the culverts and removing the goat poop from Lost Lake. Paul will work with Misty Dawn and Saturn to coordinate the work. (Laura has offered to Paul that if he's away when we get notification she is willing to orient Misty Dawn and Saturn and/or speak with the inspector.)

## Pipe through dry farming plot

The plan is to dig a deeper trench and create a dry well at the end of it. The pipe will drain into the meadow. Perforation piping will be used for parts of this project. We will mark the location of the pipe, and the dry well. Brent has offered to work with Paul.

## 2024 Garden interns

### What a great crew we have this year!

Jena (she/her) will be here until October 1st. Sasha and Cali (he/him) both started July 1st and will be here for the summer months. Jessica, a volunteer from UW, will be here once a week. Skyler, a Journey's intern, will work with the Piglets one day per week. Jenna is living in the larger micro shelter and Skyler is in a tent in the journeys area. Akasha (a Journeys employee) will be staying in the A-frame micro shelter for the time being and will relocate if another residential intern is brought on.

(note: where no pronouns are added after a person's name here it means that the note taker does not know the person's preferred pronoun's and doesn't want to make assumptions. Honoring preferred pronouns is part of being an ally.)

## Orchard mowing

Mary has asked that we do a second mowing of the North and South Orchards. Misty Dawn and Saturn have offered to do this work. The mowing will be paid at the same rate as the first mowing - \$330.

### **39th Street mowing at the end of the Wetland**

Misty Dawn and Saturn will also take a look at this mowing job.

### **Chicken Run mowing**

The chicken Posse will discuss mowing this area.

### **Purchase of an electric lawn mower**

Patricia has done research on keeping the grass in the commons and children's area green over the summer. The optimum height for grass to stay green over the summer is around 4 inches. Our current mower is not adjustable to that height. Patricia would like to purchase an adjustable electric mower. Nartano and Patricia will continue discussions about equipment. Barb will be consulted as she does the mowing in those areas.

### **Eating weeds...chomp, chomp**

Nartano has purchased a new heavy duty weed wacker. Masanda has also donated a string trimmer

### **Songaia entrance landscaping**

Sylvan has initiated a project to improve the landscaping around the Songaia sign. She would love to have help with heavy digging, sawing and planting. Date to be determined.

### **2024 Biogaian budget**

Budget spending looks good. All planned projects are being funded. We have only spent 50% of the money set aside for supplies.

## **Next Meeting**

# July 23, 2024

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