

Biogaian Meeting August 29

Facilitator: Douglas

Scribe: Patricia

Agenda

- Check-in Question
- Response to swale reports
- Worm bins
- Laminated root rot

Swale Maintenance Requirements – needs to be completed within a year

They are requiring a lot more maintenance than we have ever done before including:

- Remove sticks and other material from the detention pond
- Remove pile of hay under the feeding trough at least once a year
- Clear 10 feet the swale east of the post (under the willow)
- Clear the sediment from the other end of the pipe (in the detention pond)
- Clear the outflow from the pond

Might be easier to work with the blackberries in the winter when the leaves are off.

Should we hire it out or have a harambe.

Recruit a volunteer to take the field and brush mower down and see if they can get down into the area around the outflow.

We need to move the goats along the edge.

We could put the cost into the budget for the next year and hire team of people to do it and include digging up the roots. The budget would be in the landscape maintenance in the reserves.

Action Items:

Douglas will review the funds that might be available and report back next month.

Douglas will also call a friend and research a good source for workers.

Worm Bins

One of the worm bins is starting to fall apart, the lid won't shut. Should we replace them. Brent has a hand-me-down bin from Journeys.

Laminated Root Rot – Need to start planting root rot resistant species this fall

We need to plant resistant species starting this winter.

Some of the resistant species include pines and western larch.

Action Items:

Douglas will research appropriate trees and the costs.

Sylvan had some interest in this topic.

Next meeting:

Date: September 26

Topics: Garden Fence, Gathering Space

Facilitator: Sylvan

Note Taker: Brent