Biogaians Meeting 6/23/26

Decision Summary:
Action Items:

- Removal of the trees or parts of these trees:
    - Black Walnut in the circle garden
    - Plum by Patricia's house
    - Cherry tree behind Brian's house
    - Tree by the CH Ramp
    - Plum by the car park
    - High bush cranberry
    - Trim Cotton woods

Facilitated: Patricia
Scribe: Aditi
Present: Marlin, Brian, MD, Patricia, Aditi, Holly, Peat, Anita, Eileen

Discussion:

1. **Garlic:** Garlic crop was put in the greenhouse to dry. It got baked in the greenhouse and is no longer usable. Peat will look at it tomorrow to see if any is salvageable. Learning: best to dry the garlic in the goat shed or somewhere cooler.
2. **Wednesday work projects ideas for this week:**
    - Weeding in the key hole where the flags are
    - Rake and plant the cover crop
    - Cherry harvest
    - Cherry pitting
    - Dig out around the compost bins
3. **Harvest Coordinator & Fresh Sheet**: Holly and MD met with Helen to learn the role of harvest coordinator. Holly sent out emails and received quick responses for helping with the harvest. Helen will usually do this role with MD and Holly as back up. They are trying to use the Fresh Sheet. Holly, Brian and MD will meet to discuss if there is a possible exchange that could happen for the work of keeping up on the fresh sheet.
4. **Tree Removal Workday:** Patricia is coordinating with David to remove or cut back several trees. (See list above) Suggested to ask Erin, Rich and

Jack to see if they would like to help. Will be scheduled on a Tues or Friday. Date to be determined.

5. **Goats:** Goats ate most of the blackberry patch they were in. Brian tried to move them both to a new area. The smaller goat refused to come and is still in the lower area. They were seen by a goat expert who said they looked healthy and trimmed their hooves.
6. **Wood Chips:** Laura requested more wood chips. We still have a pile of chips available. Will request more to be delivered after this pile is gone.
7. **Journey's Tree request for the Hearth Tender Award:** Journey's will consider if they still desire to have a new tree planted or if they desire to decorate a current tree. The award was given to Nancy last weekend as a plaque.
8. **Whiteboard in the Garden Gazebo:** It is currently being written on in an "organic way"-- not as structured as in the past. If you have thoughts of how you'd like it to be used, talk with Anita.
9. **New benches in Garden Gazebo:** Benches are falling apart and ugly. Patricia is frustrated that stuff is on the bench and can't sit down. Suggests building cubbies for putting stuff. Holly suggests considering putting the weight scale there. Coat hooks would be helpful. Signage for where to put tools.Suggested to have a "design charrette" at a future meeting. Invite Paul to attend.
10. **Update on tree in the forest:** Eileen reported that David removed a tree that was dead in the forest. He is currently also trimming the birch trees south of the barn.
11. **Soil Health:** Soil samples were sent and the results are back. Anita will forward to the community. The cover crop is almost all in. The last sections will be planted this week– waiting for a cooler day.
    Anita will bring out the microscope to look at compost. Suggested to consider having an offering to show the community.

Grassy Meadow (Items for agenda at a future meeting):

- Soil sample report
- Ducks
- Update on finances

Next Meeting:

July 14th. Aditi will facilitate. Reuben will be scribe.