**Landscape Stewardship Meeting Notes**

**November 7, 2019**

**Last meeting of fall semester: 2 p.m., December 3, 2019, Admin 711**

**In attendance:**

Drew Alfgren (faculty), Suzanne Braunschweig (faculty, CERA) ,Elle Everhart (professional staff), Megan Hanks (professional staff), Sarah Hansen (professional staff, chair), Tarin Wilks (SGA), Joe Rexing (ex officio, facilities management), Larry Hennessey (ex officio, facilities management), Leslie Morgan (guest)

1. **Invasive Plants Training planning**
   1. The goal is to have an indoor portion in mid-February and an outdoor portion in mid-April, open to the entire campus community plus Wisdom Institute members
   2. The events will be organized in partnership with the Wisdom Institute and facilitated by Leslie Morgan, a Master Naturalist and member of the WI’s programming committee
   3. The indoor portion will focus on education – what are the biggest villains in our local ecosystem, what do they look like, what are their effects on native species, and what are strategies to get rid of them
   4. The outdoor portion will be a hands-on experience where participants are assigned to multi-generational groups to remove particular species (based on what is appropriate at that time of year and given the kind of spring we end up having)
   5. *TO DO: Sarah will look into available spaces for the indoor event.*
2. **CERA updates**
   1. The CERA steering committee is pulling together a list of all research and teaching activities going on in CERA, based on the initial list Sarah and Elle pulled together last summer
   2. The CERA committee has purchased a weather station and the committee hopes to install it soon after selecting the best location.
   3. The CERA committee is considering purchasing a second station for central campus.
   4. Julian, a student employee, is working on replacing/repairing the wooden signposts within CERA
3. **Library to Walker Garage update**
   1. New plantings are planned soon (once final permitting approved) for the area between the library and the Walker Garage, which was severely damaged by flooding in 2018.
   2. The goal for the new plantings is to reduce erosion during future rain events.
4. **Plans for pollinators**
   1. Ryan Kmetz and Charlie Hogan are working on a draft pollinator plan in relation to the requirements for Bee Campus USA certification through the Xerxes Society.
   2. Larry Hennessey, Ryan, and Charlie are also putting in for a grant with Keep MD Beautiful to convert the steep slopes around lot 22 to a very large pollinator garden (~10,100 ft2 = 0.23 acres)
   3. Per Ryan, there is also some research underway about the potential of bringing bee hives to campus.