

IPM Meeting Minutes January 21, 2021

In Attendance: Margaret Doris, Bruce Wenning, Kelly Brown, Derek Mannion, Jonathan Yeo and Robert McClary
(No quorum was present since 5 IPM Committee members were not present at one time)

- Minutes –
 - Reviewed but not approved yet as we did not have a quorum of members present.
- Review next steps for IPM – Maintenance
 - IPM check list
 - One change first line. Annually updating on IPM webpage and newton webpage. Derek will update as we go.
 - Burr Park Abutter letter
 - Rob & Derek have been rechecking. No grassy weed thresholds have been identified on the inspections of site photos. Removed from using pylex. Going to a Q4 plus broad leaf application only. Removed enclosure of FAQ's.
 - This is the template for the other 3 sites. Changed to be Q4 plus only application as pylex is not needed based on site assessments.
 - North - Camp dates on request. On hold until we know the dates of camps. We have a little wiggle room within a small window to move application date.
 - Field Acre Assessment Year One-
 - Removed the Pylex based on IPM photos and inspection
 - FAQ's
 - Change was on top pf page 2. Clarification on the wording approved by Con Com.
 - Change what part of park will be treated to make sure it is a percentage of the entire site be it a park or a school based on feedback at last meeting.
 - MA State Webpage
 - All plans have been updated and posted to the MA site. Periodically they will be updated and changed as needed as well as an annual review.
 - Only ipm plans involving a pesticide application to be posted on the City site IPM tab. And Derek will update current plans as needed. MD suggested putting a link to all MA ipm plans.
 - Thresholds
 - Original thresholds and logo added documents cleaned up and sent for committee review prior to the meeting. No questions and no additional revisions requested.
 - Derek thinks that if we wait to 33% of the sampling areas we are waiting too long. We need to be more proactive. We cannot let fields get to a point that they are unplayable and /or unsafe. We want to act when/if the population of the weed is at 20% and not wait until it is reaching a critical population before acting. There are 25 individual squares in our

sampling tool. Size and quantity is being looked at on these site inspections. Also post application follow ups we need to make sure that we keep the treated field in good shape and not allow it to go back to disrepair before acting again.

- BM pointed out that the number of groups that use the fields has increased. There are many more participants than ever on these fields. There is a lot of pressure on the grass. We cannot compare it to a home lawn. Playing fields have so much more foot traffic on the fields and some of these weeds really like compacted soil. The compacted soil gives the pest their ideal breeding space. We need to be aware of this and act accordingly.
- School IPM plans update JC – Held as Joe Crossen was not in attendance
- TIA update on turf work at weeks field JT – Held as JT was not in attendance

Next Meeting February 4, 2021

* NOTE We will be transitioning to Zoom meetings – Link sent out to all via email*

Respectfully Submitted by, Kelly Brown