

IPM Meeting Minutes February 18, 2021

In Attendance: Jonathan Yeo, Justin Traxler, Kyle Simpson, Bruce Wenning, Commissioner Nicole Banks, Robert McClary and Derek Mannion

- Minutes
 - Approved minutes for 1/21/2021. This occurred later in the meeting since a quorum was not present at the beginning of the meeting.
- Review next steps for IPM – Maintenance
 - Abutter list
 - Three hundred feet used as abutter letter measurement to Newton property, same distance used for 2020 abutter letter. Burr Park 81 abutters, Forte Park 68 abutters, Cabot Park 171 abutters and NNHS 160 abutters. Total of 480 abutters. Abutter letter mailing to include site map.
 - IPM threshold
 - Review document again due to limited number of people present at least ipm meeting. Document was edited once since 1/21/21 IPM meeting.
 - JT found wording in third paragraph difficult to understand – quantity and size of weeds present. Adding pictures might help. Discuss using same tense throughout third paragraph.
 - IPM monitoring schedule/sheet
 - Review 2021 version of IPM field monitoring log.
 - In the growing season from mid-April to mid-October, Rob and Derek will monitor 13 sites twice a month. Rob will monitor 6 sites in the first two weeks of a month. Derek will monitor 7 sites in the same timeframe. The second half of the month Rob and Derek will switch monitoring sites. This will allow each staff to look at all sites in one month. This is reasonable given normal day to day operations, overseeing staff and contractors.
 - Application dates
 - Discuss application dates of August 8th – 13th and August 16th – 20th. This is due to NNHS spring sports ending July 2nd or 3rd. Also NNHS has a summer camp. This would allow enough time potentially for a second application.
 - JT did not think the late application timing would be efficacious. BW said the timing would not be a problem since weeds are actively growing at this time. Golf course sprays late and sees good results.
- TIA turf assessments
 - JT discussed TIA has done assessments at 6 locations – non-high school, full size multi-purpose fields. Slightly less assessments done at these six than was done at weeks field by TIA.

Next Meeting March 4, 2021

Respectfully Submitted by, Derek Mannion