

IPM Meeting Minutes March 18, 2021

In Attendance: Ian Lacey, Brian Luccini, Justin Traxler, Robert McClary and Derek Mannion
(No quorum was present since 5 IPM Committee members were not present at one time)

- Minutes –

Reviewed amended minutes for 3/4/2021. Minutes for 1/7/2021, 2/18/2021 and 3/4/2021 were not accepted. All sets of minutes were not accepted since we did not have a quorum of members present.

- Review next steps for IPM – TIA

- Proposal to Use Pesticides on Public Property – Ian Lacey of TIA presented proposal

- Proposal is similar to last year, looking to build on success at weeks, looking to lower weed populations and benefit the cultural practices.
- Application will be followed up with increased aeration and seeding with less topdressing. Looking for better quality turf and playability.
- There is an increase in acreage amount (approximately 4.5 acres) – athletic fields only.
- Weed threshold has been met, Pylex and Q4 Plus will be used for grassy and broadleaf weeds.
- Greenhaven Turf Care will apply pesticide (same company as 2020 application). Application date is June 28th, rain date is June 29th.
- DM asked IL to list the total weed percentage from the original field assessment at weeks October 2019; then weed percentage as of October 2020 assessment – post pilot program, list percentages for the individual weed species from Fall 2020 pictures and give percentage of application area compared to entire site, site map should just show application areas and not athletic fields also. Map is too busy with all that information. PRC will use that map and add field closed location signs for map mailing to abutters.
- DM discussed some changes for the abutter letter: summarize past cultural practice at weeks and the investment, include the cost of the upcoming pesticide application and reference the success of the pilot program.
- DM stated What's New in IPM tab will include pilot program power point and memo to expand pesticide use on public properties. Discussed linking field assessment report in the abutter letter. IL will check with JT on this idea. DM stated that the next fy budget will likely stay the same at \$75,000 for 75 acres of turf = one thousand dollars per acre.
- BL discussed the need to address white grubs in athletic fields. The more improved the turf is the more inviting it is to grubs. A discussion about GrubGone and Acelepryn occurred. PRC will quantify white grub threshold limit, in 2021 use GrubGone in known grub areas and look to use Acelepryn in 2022 if threshold deem it necessary. These two products are being written into the upcoming PRC turf contract.
- BL discussed a local municipality that treated for grubs preventatively for 7 years in a row. In year 8 they did not apply a grub treatment and lost half their field due to grub damage. Don't wait for grubs to infiltrate – it's too late then.

- Field Assessment Report – Ian Lacey of TIA presented proposal

- TIA and NGY/NYS wanted to have a baseline assessment for fields. This was their starting point original assessment took place in October 2019.
- The 2020 expanded assessment wanted to have a wider approach for sites that soccer used.

- Scott Vose took 3-4 field days to collect the data; the report has important information and supports what we thought we had for fields. We generally knew what we had before the report.
- The weeks assessment created a more developed program. Discussion occurred about the memo for pesticide expansion and communicating information to PRC Commission and other groups. Pesticides are the last line of defense. The assessment reports will continue to help develop the ipm program
- JT discussed lfcc (Hamilton) conditions. DM stated this was in the year two of the program. GrubGone would be applied in 2021 and Acelepryn in 2022 if conditions warrant an application.
- DM thanked everyone for their time and efforts throughout this process.

Next Meeting April 1, 2021

Respectfully Submitted by, Derek Mannion