

IPM Meeting Minutes June 3, 2021 - Amended

In Attendance: Nicole Banks, Margaret Doris, Justin Traxler, Kyle Simpson, Derek Mannion and Robert McClary

- Minutes –

No changes or edits to minutes from 5/27/2021. Motion to approve was not made since there was not a quorum.

- Review next steps for IPM –

- Review IPM zoom information outline

- NB - we have received question of why the school has not received notification, their notification is the closing of the fields for 72 hours
- DM - technically we can spray while school is in session
- NB - will introduce and open the meeting. 30 mins of question and answer
- DM - no confirmation of Bruce able to attend

- Next steps on Proposals to Use Pesticides on Public Property

- Update on mailings – mailings went out May 27th. Thank you to Rob and Steve in the print office. Councilor memo went out May 25th. Four positive comments from Councilors
- Update on Councilor memo – Memo was sent on May 25th.
- Update City webpage – City web page is fully populated- questions will be posted to the web page and record zoom and last year will come down
 - Jt- how do we answer a question if it's a statement of dislike *for pesticide use in general*.

- General Discussion

- DM - we use products with signal words caution - using the least toxic most effected. We use best cultural practices before and after the application. We will follow all best practices with the application
- 18 acres out of 55 acres total. Not widespread application. We include all environmental concerns
- NB - Great points, there may be people who we won't convince. It's not our jobs to defend the use- our job is to say we follow best practice.
- DM - I cannot change a person's mind; my goal is to say the city has taken an ipm approach that provides the best possible program to protect people and pets.
- MD - Do we have a red ant policy? DM asked if MD was referring to fire ants. MD - we will need a pesticide policy for controlling them, they are far north as Virginia

Next Meeting June 10, 2021

Respectfully submitted by, **Rob McClary**