

## IPM Meeting Minutes August 5, 2021

In Attendance: Nicole Banks, Margaret Doris, Bruce Wenning, Derek Mannion and Kelly Brown

\*\* No quorum only 4 members \*\*

- Minutes –

Review 6/24/2021 and 7/22/2021 IPM meeting minutes. Cannot approve minutes as there is no quorum present.

- Review next steps for IPM –

- Recap IPM zoom information outline

- Nicole wondered if there is a need for an annual meeting going forward. The intent was to answer questions posed by abutters and Q&A and to let folks know about the pilot program and IPM. Both meetings seem to have groups attending environmental advocacy groups and such and not a lot of residents and abutters. We need to consider Derek's time and others. We need to engage and address the environmental groups but is an annual meeting needed now as we move from pilot to annual planning? What is needed?
    - Derek mentioned that the abutter letters have contact info for Derek and Nicole and it is also posted at each site when there is an application. Also each time they are posted it is put up on the website.
    - Bruce asked if there is a phone number listed? Derek prefers email as it is then documented.
    - Margaret has some reservations. It is not typical times. It seems to me we do not know what people will do in typical times. Do we know who will attend or wants to attend who will come out post pandemic? Derek mentioned that Zoom has been the forum since the pandemic and during the height of it the resident numbers are not what we would have thought.
    - Nicole mentioned more people have been attending via zoom in other public meetings that she has been a part of. As it seems that there is more participation as it is easier to get to and folks can tune in from home and do not need to go out. It is important that there be multiple ways to reach us. But is this in person meeting needed? Margaret feels it is important to pay attention to it and recognize that participation may be down now and it is not for lack of interest or concern. Derek mentioned that the abutter letter goes out to all abutters within 300 feet of the location. Perhaps we have reached them and given them the information needed. Margaret agreed that perhaps we are giving them adequate info and notice and this is why the participation is currently down. It is something to keep an eye on. Derek will keep it on his list.

- Next steps on Proposals to Use Pesticides on Public Property

- Derek shared the results of his recent site visit sent via excel and email re Forte Park. Weed populations are above our threshold. The tentative date second application date is this Sat 8/7/21. The fencing and site notification are going up today. He has let P&R know and they let the permitted user group know that the area will be closed until Tues. Mowers have been notified not to mow during this time of application. This is all weather dependent.
    - He will continue to monitor all 13 sites and keep an eye on this but this is the last application planned this season as it is a re treatment.

- FAQ's

- Nicole asked can we look at frequently asked questions. It is a great place to point people to. I like to point them to the IPM website and there is a lot of good information there. Can we include questions we got via this last round? Newton Conservator questions and

others via email could be added into the frequently asked questions. Define and herbicide versus pesticides. Some wording to address things like: Do we use round up. Note, we do not use that product. All products used a less toxic than others. What kind of questions do we get all of the time?

- Derek informed all that he reviewed the Q &A and made updates and will look at these too. He stated that not all pesticides are herbicides. He will look at the definitions again and try to put in as many of the frequently asked questions. He is also working with IT to be add pictures to the site.
- New Cold Springs Site visit yesterday. He struggled to find any weeds at all. He is very happy with the Q4 plus application, it really helped. It eliminated much of the broad leave weed. We use the appropriate product for the appropriate weed/pest.
- Bruce asked about residuals. As he is asked about it often.

**Next Meeting August 19, 2021**

Respectfully submitted by **Kelly Brown**

August 19, 2021 is the last meeting with this zoom link. Derek will send a new link. We will need to keep our meeting to every 2 weeks, as there is re treatment pending on Sat. So we cannot move it to quarterly or hold until Jan or so as discussed before. The minutes from this meeting will be sent along with the agenda and the minutes from 6/24/2021 & 7/22/2021 that still need to be reviewed and approved.