

IPM Meeting Minutes August 26, 2021 - Unscheduled Meeting

In Attendance: Kyle Simpson, Justin Traxler, Rob McClary and Derek Mannion

- Minutes –

All minutes held for approval as we did not have a quorum today.

- Review next steps for IPM –

- Next steps on Proposals to Use Pesticides on Public Property - Update on weeks field: Pylex herbicide application scheduled for 8/27/21
 - A site visit occurred at weeks field on 8/23/21. Ian Lacy, Justin Traxler, Rob McClary and Derek Mannion were present. We all viewed the contractual aeration areas and noticed the increase in goosegrass germination in these areas only. It was determined that the soil core removed during the aeration process contained goosegrass seeds. The seeds germinated and grew into large sections of goosegrass.
 - On 8/23/21, DM decided to contractually spray the infested area with Pylex, if we could do the following: have a 72 hour window of no users, no rain on the application date and our contractor needed to be available. We posted the area 48 hours in advance and updated our webpage to reflect this second application.
 - In the winter of 2020-2021, I spoke with Randall Prostack, UMASS Amherst Weed Extension Specialist. RP stated the best way to control prostrate knotweed is to keep the soil loose by aeration. PRC contractually aerated four of the five locations after our herbicide application. The aeration did not control the prostrate knotweed. PRC will aerate in the spring and fall in the future.
 - JT and TIA will contact BASF to determine if core aeration had resulted in causing goosegrass germination.

Next Meeting September 30, 2021

Respectfully submitted by **Derek Mannion**