

IPM Meeting Minutes May 5, 2022

In Attendance: Margaret Doris, Justin Traxler, Joe Crossen, Commissioner Nicole Banks and Derek Mannion – Quorum not achieved.

- Minutes –

There were no changes/edits to the February 17, 2022, March 17, 2022 and April 21, 2022 IPM minutes. The minutes were not approved since there was no quorum.

- Review next steps for IPM –

- 2022 IPM Application Sites

- DM discussed the four locations selected. A quorum for approval is not needed since this is an adopted procedure.
Sites will be

1. Newton Highland
2. Newton North
3. Newton South
4. Burr Park

- From IPM Procedures Pg. 1, Section II Proposals, Item C

“In cases in which the Committee has adopted a policy permitting the use of a particular pesticide for treatment of specified conditions without the need for prior approval, no proposal is needed unless conditions exceed the limitations stated by the policy.”

- Discussion occurred about Lower Falls being considered for a 2022 herbicide treatment. This location is on the treatment list for calendar year 2023. This is based on this site not being a school use site.
- Discussion occurred about expanding monitoring to include soil and moisture levels. DM stated that Rob and he would not be able to do this. DM mentioned Tom Irwin Associates were being utilized to review cy2022 turf program and potentially monitor fields after usage to develop guidelines about location specific usage hours. DM mentioned there was improved turf quality at Lower Falls and New Cold Springs based on May 2021 monitoring. Abutter letters, maps and faq’s will be printed and mailed to abutters.

- IPM Meetings

- DM spoke to the important of attendance at the IPM meetings. Out of the last 48 meetings a quorum has been met 50% of the time.

Next Meeting August 4, 2022

Meet only if needed for a retreat herbicide application

Respectfully submitted by **Derek Mannion**