

Orford Parks and Playgrounds Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
Orford Community Field
May 20, 2020
7:00

Present: JJ Hebb (Chair), Lawrence Hibbard, Craig Pelletier, and Robb Day (Secretary). Also present Ann Green.

JJ opened the meeting at 7:03 with property use forms overview. The Masons Car Show has been canceled due to the Covid pandemic. The OVFD Corporation Flea Market is still scheduled as well as the bandstand concerts are also currently scheduled. Rivers Edge Soccer has been canceled. The women's softball league request has been denied by the Selectboard. Summer Soccer has been scheduled for the end of June and fall soccer is scheduled for August 10th. RISD requested the use of the Bandstand for June 6th for senior graduation pictures.

Ann described the restoration plans of two historical cast iron signs on the Mall Walk. There will be an application for a NH Moose Plate Grant to pay for the restoration. This project has been approved by the OSB and Ann is currently asking for letters of support for the project to be passed in to the State. JJ agreed to write a letter of support.

Ann also stated that at this time, the Bandstand concerts are still scheduled but will comply with State guidelines regarding the current pandemic. She also felt that the 4th of July Parade will most likely be canceled.

JJ said that Fairlee has closed its beach on Lake Morey for the summer and has canceled swimming lessons. It will be swim at your own risk. A short discussion was had over what we should recommend to the OSB for Indian Pond Beach. JJ was in favor of waiting to see what State Guidelines say and will consult with Kate Lester regarding swim lessons. No decisions were made although if we do decide to close the beach, JJ suggested that we lock the docks and install signage to reduce vandalism.

Lawrence has been working hard on the maintenance and mowing of the Community Field. It was discussed whether or not to hire Diamond Turf to slice seed the Field. Lawrence was in favor and stated that the turf was in need of reseeding as long as this service was not done on an annual basis. It was also suggested that Chip weed the infields of the baseball and softball field while they are at the Field.

JJ motioned to hire Diamond Turf to slice seed the Community Field at a cost of \$6510 and to edge and weed the baselines of both ball fields. Craig seconded and all were in favor.

Esther and Lawrence reported to JJ that there were golf balls found at the Community Field. It has been a policy that there is to be no hitting of golf balls at the Community Field due to safety concerns. This policy was posted on the list serve and it was suggested that we could make new signs to post at the Field.

Lawrence found a flagpole light that mounts at the top of the pole. JJ agreed to order and Lawrence will look into different methods for installation. It was also suggested the the OP&P paint the soccer kick board at the Community Field this summer sometime.

Robb received a call from Paul Goundrey regarding Indian Pond Heritage Trail maintenance. Paul asked if the OP&P would be interested in helping with this. He is currently the point man on this project and will be scheduling work parties of two people at a time to conduct some minor trimming and trail widening. Craig expressed interest and Paul had told Robb that interested parties can contact Paul for more information. At this time, the OP&P has limited time and will be unable to work on this project as a group.

Due to issues with the water spigots and locks being left open, the current combination locks will have their combination changed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33.