

Orford Parks and Playgrounds Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
June 17, 2020
Orford Playground
7:00

Present: JJ Hebb (chair), Lawrence Hibbard, Craig Pelletier, and Robb Day (Secretary).

JJ opened the meeting at 7:12. JJ motioned to accept the February and May Minutes as read, Craig seconded and all were in favor.

Project Updates:

JJ changed the combination to the locks at the Community Field.

The “no golfing” signs will be installed at the Community Field in the near future.

The docks at Indian Pond were locked up and the “beach closed” signs were put up.

JJ wrote a letter of support for Ann Green's iron street sign restoration project.

JJ attempted to order the flagpole light for the Community Field but it was out of stock. She agreed to order it as soon as they are available.

Diamond Turf has scheduled the slice seeding and fertilizing of Community Field. Lawrence voiced concern over the lack of rain and felt that seeding at this time may be unwise. Robb agreed and felt that we should keep an eye on the weather and schedule during wetter times. He also suggested we contact Chip from Diamond Turf to seek his recommendation as this is not his first dry summer. Lawrence also felt that there are too many weeds coming up along the baselines and a herbicide application is needed. He has talked with Shawn French (Oxbow baseball coach) and Chip does apply herbicides to Oxbows baselines. JJ will contact Chip and consult with him.

The Babe Ruth League from Thetford has requested to use the baseball field this summer for some clinic style activities. JJ approved with some reservation after pressure from the Selectboard for a decision. Lawrence felt that the baselines needed the weeds removed first. There was some discussion about field maintenance and timing of the activities so as not to interfere with the Rivendell summer soccer programs. JJ agreed to bring these concerns up to Esther. It was also brought up that earlier this year a request to use the field by a women's softball league was denied due to the pandemic and it was agreed that the decision should be reviewed and approval of that request may be in order.

At this time the annual Fire Department Association flea market has been canceled. There is no news on the status of the bandstand concerts.

New Business:

JJ, Lawrence and Robb reset two posts at Indian Pond Beach that had been partially removed. It was agreed that the other missing posts should be replaced. It was agreed to meet at Indian Pond beach on Thursday June 25th at 6:00 to complete the project.

The soccer kick wall at the Community Field needs to be sealed. A work day to complete that project is slated for later this summer.

Lawrence noted that a pile of rocks and sand is located near the north end of the Mall walk and should be removed. He felt that that should be part of spring cleanup. JJ will touch base with Esther.

JJ received a concern from Lucille Palifka regarding a dying tree along the Mall walk across from the Masons Hall. JJ thought that this is the responsibility of the Tree Warden and she will bring it up to Esther. Lawrence was concerned about the cost of it's removal and felt that if it was excessive, we could remove it as it was not very big.

JJ will also ask Esther to post on the list serve that the Community Field dumpster is not for use by the community.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24.

Minutes were taken by Robb Day.