

Orford Parks and Playgrounds
Minutes of the Meeting
Orford Community Field
July 29, 2020
7:00

Present: JJ Hebb, Lawrence Hibbard, Robb Day and Ross Covertino

JJ opened the meeting with a discussion regarding Chip Stevens (Diamond Turf) suggestions for the Community Field turf issues. Chip suggested a herbicide application for the entire field to eliminate the crabgrass problems. He also suggested herbicide applications for the baseball and softball fields due to the weed issues in the runways. All agreed that treatment of the runways was needed. Chip also suggested a chemical treatment for the grub issues. Robb expressed concern over the herbicide application for the playing fields as he felt that the majority of the turf at this time contained a large amount of “crabgrass” and a herbicide application may kill the majority of the turf present causing problems for the soccer season. He also was concerned that without proper irrigation after reseeding, we may have crabgrass take over again as it is drought tolerant and quickly fills in bare ground. He was in favor of slice seeding and robust fertilization to reduce the amount of crabgrass in the field. He was also concerned with the amount of funds being spent on the Field over time and felt that a compromise could be made regarding the quality of the playing surface. JJ agreed to contact Chip with our concerns. Matt Taylor's name was also brought up as he has worked on Woodsville's playing fields. It was agreed that a second opinion could not hurt and JJ agreed to invite him to our August meeting.

JJ and Lawrence spoke with Ross regarding the cleaning out of the boys side of the Community Field Shed to enable us to repair the rotted post. They agreed to meet Thursday night at 5:30 to clean out the shed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:17.