

Orford Parks and Playgrounds Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
April 20, 2022
Orford Playground
6:00

Present: JJ Hebb (Chair), Lawrence Hibbard and Robb Day.

JJ opened the meeting at 6:12 pm The Orford Volunteer Fire Department Corporation asked to add a few days to their request to set up for the annual flea market in August. It was granted.

JJ Motioned to accept the March minutes as read, Lawrence seconded and all were in favor.

The committee discussed charging a fee for property usage requests. This discussion was requested by the Orford Selectboard. It was agreed that if the request was made by a for-profit organization or a non-resident, a fee would be charged. Non-profits with 501c3 status, the fee would be waived. Residents requesting use of the bandstand for a small gathering such as a birthday party, the fee would also be waived. Weddings at the bandstand would be charged a flat fee of \$100.

Chip from Diamond Turf replaced the softball field bases due to safety concerns. We received a complaint from the Rivendell baseball coach regarding the pitcher's mound. Chip recommended that we install some clay bricks to repair the problem but did advise that proper maintenance will be needed to preserve the pitcher's mound.

Robb contacted Bio Spray and they are willing to spray for weed control on the Town Common Mall Walk. It was also stipulated that the Mall Walk be restored to its original 5-foot width. JJ informed Esther that the Committee requested that Bio Spray be awarded the contract.

Robb met with Violetta Faulkner regarding the boundary line between the Faulkner property and the East Common. Brush is encroaching the mowed area. Robb and Violetta agreed on a brush removal plan to eliminate the encroachment.

Lawrence researched and measured out how much bark mulch will be needed to mulch around the trees on the East Common.

The fences were installed in front of the softball dugouts to allow teams to play and comply with safety guidelines.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 to attend a work session at the playground to cut brush around the fence line.

Minutes taken by Robb Day.