

Orford Parks and Playgrounds Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
August 17th, 2022
Upper Baker Pond Beach
6:00

Present: JJ Hebb, Lawrence Hibbard and Robb Day.

JJ opened the meeting at 6:08. Lawrence motioned to accept the July Minutes as read, JJ seconded and all were in favor.

JJ approved one property use form for a wedding at the bandstand on August 12th.

JJ and Lawrence met with Julie Donnelly at the Community Field to talk about signage. Julie agreed to get back to the Committee with a quote.

Lawrence found some human waste behind the Community Field Building. The group discussed what should be done about this reoccurring problem.

Lawrence met with Chip from Diamond Turf regarding the repairs needed for the baseball field. It seems that a minor problem has been exacerbated by improper raking and maintenance. There is a pronounced lip forming around the baselines. Chip felt that a permanent repair could cost between \$7000 and \$8000. He was confident that he could fix it for much less for now but the improper maintenance should be rectified. Lawrence thought that we should get the coaches, the acting athletic director and possible players together to find a long term solution. He also felt that the repairs should be considered when renewing the lease. JJ will get some numbers together for a more comprehensive discussion. Lawrence also suggested that the fall fertilizer application, possible aeration and over-seeding should be considered for the soccer fields this fall. He also mentioned that there is some bags of turf fertilizer in the sheds that should be spread. Robb suggested spreading it at the Common where we seeded this spring. All agreed that we will meet there on September 21st to have our business/work meeting.

JJ noticed that there has been a charcoal grill removed from Upper Baker Beach. The camps have maintained this area, but it is unknown if the grill is to be repaired or removed. She will contact Ester to see if anything is known to the Selectboard about this development.

JJ discussed Indian Pond Beach. Robb has noticed many folks using this beach who are not from Orford or Piermont. Pets are also being brought into the beach area. Robb asked Esther to post a reminder of the beach rules on the Town Listserve. The committee discussed the role of the beach monitor and if it would be a good idea to have the monitor make more of a presence at the beach.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30.