

Orford Parks and Playgrounds
Approved Minutes of the Meeting
October 21st, 2019
Orford Town Offices
7:00

Present: JJ Hebb (Chair), Robb Day (Secretary), Lawrence Hibbard, Craig Pelletier, David Smith and Kate Lester

JJ opened the meeting at 7:02 and Craig seconded. Kate gave a summary of the 2019 swim program at Indian Pond.

70 total students

16 tuition students.

11 RISD Visions students (5 non resident)

Kate mentioned that she will need to replace the swim float rope for next season and buy a few extra large life preservers. JJ asked if the \$300 budgeted would be sufficient, Kate replied yes. JJ suggested that she should use up any surplus funds from this year. JJ did mention that the swim aid budget went over. There may have been an accounting error and JJ and Kate agreed to look it over. Revenues for the program were \$485 with \$150 of that from the RISD Visions program. Kate felt that next summer the season will be scheduled for the same days and also felt that this year went very smoothly and the beach was set up for them in a timely manner.

JJ approved the request for Town Property for the Bandstand Committee's schedule for summer of 2020 and the Masons Car Show for July 25th.

The 2020 Parks and Playgrounds budget was then discussed.

Funding for the Beach Monitor was left unchanged from 2019. The swim program was also level funded with the exception of possibly the line of the swim aids which may need to be slightly increased.

Mowing costs are regulated by bids and the Selectboard and the following lines will be level funded:

Electricity and Water

Portable Toilets

Improvements

Herbicide applications

Garden Club

Rivendell Rec allocation

Lawrence asked if we should move the Rivendell Rec allocation to the general fund and JJ agreed to look into that.

Parking on the Mall walk has been a problem this summer. The new Use Request Forms will outline no parking on the sidewalk.

Tree trimming along the Mall Walk south of the East Common was discussed. It was agreed that landowner permission was needed and that will be worked on this winter.

Craig discussed the options for a flagpole light at the Community Field. The units he researched were between 50 and 60 dollars. Lawrence agreed to talk to Stacey Thomson to see if he would be willing to install the unit using his bucket truck.

JJ motioned to have Craig order the flagpole light and Lawrence seconded, all were in favor.

Lawrence asked if we can get permission to dump the old batting cage net in the trash. JJ agreed to check on it. JJ also felt we should plan to work on the dugouts next season after baseball is over.

JJ motioned to adjourn and Craig seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28.

Minutes were taken by Robb Day.