

Orford Parks and Playgrounds Committee

Minutes of the Meeting

April 17th, 2024

Orford Town Offices

7:00

Present: JJ Hebb, Lawrence Hibbard, Larry Taylor and Robb Day

JJ opened the meeting at 7:02 by motioning to accept the March Minutes as read, all were in favor.

Property Usage Forms

Rivers Edge Soccer – Community Field. Approved

Lyle Quackenbush Memorial Service, End of May- Town Common. Any food trucks will be parked between the Mall Walk and Route 10 and no parking on the Common. Approved

Jennette Ball Memorial Service, June 8th – Town Common. No parking on the Common. Approved

Green Up Day

May 4th at the Dump from 9 to 11. Robb and JJ will hand out trash bags, gloves and record road assignments. Muffins will be available.

Community Field

It was decided that no major cleanup will be needed this spring on the softball field. Lawrence felt that the weeds were not bad and we could skip any early weed removal.

Lawrence has asked Chip from Diamond Turf, if we should add compost to the field to improve the playing surface. Chip suggested adding sand to level out the field. All felt that this may not be needed at this time and Lawrence suggested just aerating the field.

A meeting between Barrett Williams and Jamie Bourn from Rivendell Academy and Parks and Playgrounds will be scheduled. Lawrence is concerned with the messiness of the field. Trash cans are overflowing and tarps have been left out on the grass. The enclosure by the dumpster is cluttered with trash and debris. Robb asked why we needed the dumpster there in the first place as we tend not to use it as a Committee. JJ said it was mainly for the School and the Snack Shack during games and Jamborees. It was discussed if we should remove it. JJ agreed to ask Sandra Marsh, Floyd's Rubbish Removal, if we should have it removed on a trial basis.

Indian Pond Beach and Beach Monitor

Our next meeting will be at Indian Pond Beach as a work session to put the floats and docks in. It will be on May 15th at 5:30. Robb agreed to ask Andy Schwaegler to bring his tractor to help put the floats in. Lawrence brought up the need for gravel in the parking area to help alleviate the ponding of water in a low spot. JJ will contact Ted Nutter, Orford Road Agent, to bring a load of $\frac{3}{4}$ "stay pack and Lawrence will meet him and bring his tractor out to spread it.

The beach monitor position job description was reviewed. It was decided to suggest that the hourly rate be \$15 per hour. Since the past few years the position has not been adequately staffed, it was decided not to charge Piermont for their share of the cost this year. The position is for 10 weeks from Memorial Day to Labor Day around 20 hours per week.

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Other Business

Robb filled the group in on the progress of the Bandstand. The Bandstand Committee has agreed to find contractors to bid on the repairs. Since the Bandstand Committee meets this evening, Robb will touch base with Ann Green to get an update on progress.

Lawrence is concerned with the plow damage on the Common in association with David Murphy's driveway. JJ has been in contact with David and he has agreed to repair it. Lawrence also indicated that the areas that he mows at the base of Huckins Hill, the Town Office and the Brook Street park area were problematic as large quantities of gravel has been pushed up on the mowed areas. There had been a plowed area at the Brook Street Park that needed work. L. put up delineator posts to eliminate the parking issue. Lawrence also felt that the parking area at the Playground was also damaged from winter plowing. It was determined that the Committee will meet at the Playground at a later date this summer.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22.

Minutes taken by Robb Day