

Orford Parks and Playgrounds Committee

Minutes of the Meeting

November 20, 2024

Orford Town Offices

7:00

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

October minutes were approved, all in favor.

No Property Use Requests/Forms at this time.

Community Field

JJ received a quote for the 2025 season from Diamond Turf. Chip (Diamond Turf) suggested that the game field needed a compost treatment to rejuvenate the turf as management of the crabgrass using a pre-emergent herbicide. Slice seeding and aeration was also suggested as well as herbicidal treatments of the skinned areas of the baseball and softball fields and an annual grub treatment.

After a short discussion, it was determined that the fields needed attention and the group approved the work for the 2025 season. The annual Rivendell lease of the Community Field will cover the costs of the work .

The Community Field sign has been in need of replacement. It was decided that JJ will contact Julie Donnelly to make the sign and the OP&P will install the sign in 2025.

Bandstand

Gary contacted JJ and informed her that he will be meeting with Jarret Olsen to determine Jarret's level of interest in working on the project.

Gary will let JJ know what the outcome of the meeting will be. The OP&P Committee will be decorating the Bandstand for the holiday season. Robb will make the wreath and Lawrence will find a tree and the group plans to decorate after Thanksgiving.

JJ will contact Esther to order flags for next year for the poles along Rt. 10 and 25a in Orfordville.

New Business

The OP&P committee will skip the December meeting and will meet in January. In January the Committee will work on a policy for Indian Pond Beach. Harry Osmer (Town Beach Monitor) had some suggestions that the committee will mull over.

Lawrence suggested that the Committee work on some brush cutting at the Orford Playground this winter. A set date is yet to be determined for a work session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09

Minutes taken by Robb Day