

Orford Parks and Playgrounds Committee

Minutes of the Meeting

August 20th, 2025

Upper Baker Pond Boat Launch

6:00

Present: JJ Hebb, Robb Day and Larry Taylor

JJ opened the meeting at 6:20. JJ motioned to approve the June minutes as read, all were in favor.

No property use forms were submitted this month. The last Bandstand concert of the season was tonight.

JJ met with the new Athletic Director at Rivendell, Tom Marshall. Tom mentioned that he needed some keys for the Community Field facilities and they discussed the disorganized state of the storage sheds. Valuable equipment stored in the sheds may be damaged due to high water in the spring. JJ mentioned that coaches can park at the shed, however, access to the sheds should be from route 10 and not over the athletic fields. It was agreed that there should be minimal usage of the game field for now due to the recent work completed by diamond turf including aeration and a Compost application. The summer softball games are wrapping up and soccer practice has begun.

Herb Austic is working on plans for the Bandstand repair. He is currently calling some contractors to see if there is a

possibility that we can contract out the work for the deck and uprights before the roof is placed back on. If no contractors are available, volunteer help will be needed.

Robb talked to Harry Osmer at Indian Pond the other day. He suggested that we replace the posts that separate the boat launch from the beach. He also suggested that we set them in concrete, which he is willing to help with. Robb agreed to talk to the OP&P about this project and that ideally, it should be completed this fall. Swimming lessons were well attended and there was a discrepancy with the pay of the aides, but this was rectified. JJ will work up the spreadsheets from this year so we can take a look at the data from this summer.

Adjourned at 6:45

Minutes taken by Robb Day