

Town of Rockport Recreation Committee
October 20, 2021
Marge Jones Field

In attendance

Mike Archer
Brian Fitzpatrick
Tammy Krul
Tom Kennedy
Jason Peasley (Town Liaison)
Jennifer Roper

Donations:

The town has received donations for the Marge Jones Field from many people ranging from \$3,000- \$100

Major contributors included:

- Friends of PenBay Soccer
- Phi Design
- Rockport Fire Department
- McCormick Builders
- Tom and Candance Kennedy

Donations are for field improvements and new sheds

We are still looking for additional donations

Adventure in Advertising donated all the signage

Groups that use the fields/courts

- PenBay Soccer (PBS)
- Little League Baseball (LLB)
- Little League Softball (SB)
- Babe Ruth Baseball (BR)
- Minor Legion Baseball (ML)
- Mid Coast Rec (MRC)
- Windjammer Basketball (WB)

Projects to be completed:

- We are looking for volunteers to help build the three sheds. The sheds will be 8x8 and designed by Brian Fitzpatrick.
- Sports Field of Maine will be on location in November to start work on the fields. They will finish in 2022.
- The American Legion is responsible for the flag pole, which will be 30 feet. The flag pole will be moved to a more central location and will cost \$3,100. We will have a 5x8 flag. Hedstrom Electric is donating electrical work - this will allow the light to always shine on the flag.

- Still waiting for a quote for the basketball and tennis court resurfacing
- Tennis nets will be replaced in the spring by the MRC
- Tom Fence will fix the fences and gates; this is \$12,300. Repairs include the LLB fence, SB backstop, and all bullpens.
- Basketball Hoops need to be replaced still -- this is pending the court resurfacing and is a 2022 item.

Events Calendar

- Each organization that uses the field (Little League Baseball, Little League Softball, Babe Ruth, Minor Legion, PenBay Soccer, MRC (tennis), Windjammer Basketball) needs a schedule for usage to the town in early 2022, before the season starts.
- The schedule will be managed by the Town of Rockport and not the DOT like in the past.
- We want to be fair to the community and have the ability to allow other groups to use the field when they are not in use.
- They will need to provide a name, phone, and backup contact for the person in charge of the schedules for the organization.

Field Usage Fee

- We will be charging a field usage field
- The fees will range from \$500-\$1,000
- All payments will support the Marge Jones Complex

Field Use Policy

- Each group needs to be a policy in place. It needs to be with all the coaches. (PBS, LLB, SB, BR, ML, MRC, WB) and the town
- The policy should include steps for pre-game and post-game (i.e., rake field, lines, pick up trash, etc.)

Field & Ground Maintenance

- Farley Brothers will mow the lawn with electric mowers; a crew will be onsite once a week for a minor clean-up of things the electric mower missed.
- We will be thinning the woods from the street. This will allow for a view of what is happening in the fields.
- New irrigation has been installed. It is automatic with a wi-fi controller; this allows for better water management.
- The parking lot near the road will be repaired.
- The town will add PenBay Soccer to the existing Marge Jones Sign.