

Monkton Recreation Committee
Monday, April 5, 2021
7:00 to 8:00 PM
Meeting Minutes
Meeting conducted via zoom and phone

Members Present: John Zaikowski, Tim Hunt, Paul Lowe, Adam Crary

Others Present: Rick Imes, Chelsea Smiley, Jaime Schulte, Callie Brynn

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

2. Callie Brynn, on behalf of the Dog Park Committee, provided a brief update on the condition of the dog park. They have been limiting availability due to mud conditions in the entrance this spring, but it has otherwise been manageable. No other major updates.

3. Conservation Commission proposed management plan ideas for Morse Park: Chelsea Smiley and Jaime Schulte provided an overview of the Conservation Commission's proposed ideas for addressing invasive species such as wild parsnip, and protection of nesting bobolink. The Conservation Commission is drafting a management plan, and once completed they will send a copy to the Rec Committee for its review. Zaikowski will send them a copy of the Park's conservation easement and current management plan to ensure no conflicts.

4. Review and approval of March 1, 11, and 18, 2021 meeting minutes: No changes or modifications to the minutes. **Lowe made a motion to approve the minutes. Crary seconded. Hunt abstained. All were in favor (3-0-1).**

5. Welcome to Rick Imes: Lowe introduced Rick Imes, who has had prior longstanding involvement in Town recreation activities, along with a wealth of experience and interest in serving on the Committee.

6. Mowing: Lowe reported that he will be receiving bids for this upcoming mowing season, and will pass them along to the Committee for review as he receives them.

7. Baseball: Crary reported that MAUSD personnel had made contact to discuss upgrades to the Morse Park baseball field (adjacent to the elementary school). Crary and Hunt will report back to the Committee once those discussions have occurred. Monkton little league baseball has scheduled a work day for Saturday at the Rec Field. Practices will start either next week, or by the end of April at the latest. The Minors team is still looking for a coach(s).

8. AU/Lax: Zaikowski requested AU provide proposed revisions to the draft letter of agreement for the Committee's consideration, but to date have not heard back yet. Zaikowski will draft a letter of agreement for lacrosse, and circulate to the Committee for review.

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski