

Monkton Recreation Committee
Monday, March 7, 2022
7:00 to 8:00 PM
Meeting conducted at New Town Hall

Members Present: John Zaikowski, Paul Low, Rick Imes, Adam Crary, Ed Cook

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

2. Review and approval of December meeting minutes: No changes or modifications to the minutes. **Cook made a motion to approve the minutes. Low seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0).**

3. Basketball season debrief: Zaikowski reported the season was an overall success. Monkton had three teams: 5-6 boys, 5-6 girls, and a 3-4 co-ed team. Zaikowski also held skills sessions for grades K-2 during the season. The 5-6 boys team won the 5-Town Tournament, and it also placed 4th in the Middlebury Tournament.

4. Baseball season preview - team, equipment needs, ball fields: Crary provided an overview. Little league registration system will be up and running shortly. League organizers anticipate a 5-town tournament (the Curler Cup) and a County-wide tournament at the end of the season. Registration fees are being finalized, and are anticipated to cover the national little league fee, shirts, hats, and equipment. Crary provided a spreadsheet showing rough anticipated cost breakdown of expenses for teams, field use, and maintenance/upkeep. Anticipated costs increased due to the need to allocate resources to the MCS ball field. Crary will refine the estimates and provide more detail at future meetings.

5. Rec Field brush removal plan update: Crary met with Chad Wright on site to review the proposed work (removing overgrown brush and sumac from the outfield fence areas, grading, and seeding). The long term plan is once these

areas are graded and seeded, they would be regularly mowed with the rest of the field to limit sumac/brush encroachment. Crary advised it was difficult to provide a precise estimate due to wet conditions and uncertainty with the amount of restoration after the work was done, but was estimated at \$3,000.00 - \$5,000.00. Wright was ready and available to do the work if the Committee authorized it. The Committee recognized the need to take action now to limit further impacts to the outfield. **Zaikowski moved to authorize Wright to proceed, provided sufficient funds are available. Cook seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0).** Zaikowski will contact Bill Joos to confirm sufficient funds are available, and if so advise Crary.

6. MCS ballfield update: Crary provided an update. MAUSD has been delayed in completing work due to staffing/labor shortages but anticipates being able to finish the work this spring, which includes team benches and providing field material. They also have a sod cutter which we can borrow. Crary is also looking to line up help with installing a small curtain drain behind the new backstop.
7. Other: the Committee discussed that at its next meeting it would brainstorm ideas for community engagement, and revisit whether there would be any use for ARPA funds.
8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski