

Monkton Recreation Committee
Monday, June 6, 2022
7:00 to 8:00 PM
Meeting Minutes
Meeting conducted at New Town Hall

Members Present: John Zaikowski, Paul Low

Other guests: Jaime Schulte, Monkton Conservation Commission (MCC) and other MCC members via zoom; Seve Yates, NYFL/CSSU Buccaneers

*The Recreation Committee did not have enough members to constitute a quorum, but conducted the meeting given the coordinated presence of other guests for informational purposes.

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

2. Dog Park Committee updates: no representative in attendance

3. Monkton Conservation Commission: Discussion of Morse Park management draft plan and steps moving forward: Zaikowski and Schulte provided background on the draft plan and existing park management plan documents. Low advised that the contractor who mows the athletic fields will now be brush hogging the other portions, and has been advised of the anticipated mowing regime. Schulte will update the draft plan in light of prior comments, and circulate it to the Rec Committee and MCC for further review.

4. NNYFL/CSSU Buccaneers Jamboree: Steve Yates, on behalf of NNYFL/CSSU attended to answer follow up questions from May's meeting. Low asked about parking and number of anticipated cars. It was estimated that approximately 50 cars can fit in the Pond Road parking lot, with an additional 20 in the immediate area. Yates advised that when they utilized the Palmer field, they estimated approximately 1,000 people in 3 waves throughout the day, with at most approximately 200 cars at any one time. Yates suspected numbers would be smaller this year, but if this was the attendance, the combined lots (Pond Road, overflow on Morse Park grass areas, Monkton Road park-and-ride lot, and

school parking lot) could accommodate these numbers. Low asked if the group had people to control parking. Yates advised they establish a crew of 12-18 people to control parking, and direct cars at each of the access points. Low asked about any field/grass damage from use. Yates didn't foresee excessive damage given the fields would be used by youth. Zaikowski will draft a letter of agreement for committee member review, and then present it to Yates for review.

5. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski