

Monkton Recreation Committee
Monday, October 3, 2022
7:00 to 8:00 PM
Meeting conducted at New Town Hall

Members Present: John Zaikowski, Paul Low, Tim Hunt (via phone), Rick Imes

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

2. Dog Park Committee updates: no representative in attendance

3. Review and approval of August 1 Meeting minutes: No changes or modifications to the minutes. **Hunt made a motion to approve August 1 minutes. Imes seconded. All were in favor (4-0-0).**

4. Soccer: Rec soccer is up and running. The program currently has approximately 50 players: 1 co-ed kindergarten team, 1 co-ed 1/2 team, 1 co-ed 3/4 team, 1 5/6 girls team, and 1 5/6 boys team. 10 coaches across the teams. New jerseys for the 5/6 teams had to be purchased, funds for those were provided by a generous donation. The regular season is expected to run through the week of October 10, with the 5-Town Cup starting the week of October 17.

5. Morse Park draft management plan: The Conservation Commission had previously forwarded a draft plan for the Rec Committee's review, and suggested two members from each group be designated to work on the draft. Zaikowski and Crary will be the leads for the Rec Committee. All members of the Rec Committee will review the draft and provide them feedback as the process moves forward. Zaikowski will reach out to the Commission to advise.

6. Moving to electronic sports signup forms: Zaikowski advised the process of distributing, collecting, and managing hard copy sports signup forms has become

cumbersome and believes the process can be streamlined through the use of an electronic signup form using Google forms. The current signup form content can be input into the form, and made available to parents through a web link. The information provided in the form can also be exported to an excel spreadsheet for further tracking and dissemination of information to coaches, thereby eliminating the need for paper. If challenges or issues arise with this method, the Rec Committee can always change formats or move back to paper forms. **Zaikowski made a motion to move to an electronic sports signup form starting with the upcoming basketball season. Low seconded. All were in favor (4-0-0).**

7. NYYFL/CSSU Buccaneers Jamboree debrief: Jamboree held August 27 at Morse Park. By all accounts the event was an overall success. In addition to the \$520.00 rental fee, NYYFL provided a \$300.00 donation. The Rec Committee thanks NYYFL for its generosity.

8. Adult exercise stations/grant options: Imes has continued to look into both exercise station designs and options, as well as potential funding through grants. Conceptually stations would be placed along the Morse Park walking path, but they could also be placed at the Rec Field. Imes is also looking into the potential for an adult playground, accessible for people with mobility issues. Low and Imes will look at potential station designs, costs, and potential locations and provide the Rec Committee with a proposal to review.

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski