

Monkton Recreation Committee
Monday, November 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 7:05 PM

2. Dog Park Committee updates: Cathie Buscaglia advised the shade structure project is moving forward this fall. They have also put additional wood chips down inside the park.

3. Review and approval of October 3 Meeting minutes: No changes or modifications to the minutes. **Cook made a motion to approve October 3 minutes. Imes seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0).**

4. Soccer debrief: Soccer season has ended. The 5/6 Boys won the 5-Town Cup, defeating Bristol 2-1. The program was able to field one Kindergarten co-ed, one 1/2 co-ed, one 3/4 co-ed, one 5/6 boys, and one 5/6 girls team. Overall numbers of participants was down from prior years. The season overall was successful in providing this recreational opportunity to the community. A special thanks to all the volunteer coaches who helped make the season a success.

5. Basketball: Rec basketball will get started in the coming weeks with a signup announcement. Zaikowski has been working on the electronic signup form, and should be ready to roll out as a pilot program for this year.

6. Electronic Sports Signup Form: Committee members went through the test form and provided some feedback. Cook asked if more than one participant could be put on a form for ease of parent input. Zaikowski will look to add that function if

possible. Crary asked whether electronic payment was an option. Members discussed that the Town doesn't currently have that capability, which is where the registration fees would need to go. This question will be brought to the Treasurer at a later date. Crary asked about using the same form for multiple sports with drop down options. Zaikowski indicated this is a possibility, but with the different fees for baseball, the form would need more functionality built in. The Committee plans to move forward with the form for this basketball season, evaluate its effectiveness, and consider updating or expanding its use based on this season's experience.

7. Other: Low reminded the Committee that we will need to develop our budget for the upcoming year. He will take a look at last year's, and circulate a proposal. Low also asked Committee members to revisit whether there are any projects that could be appropriate for AARPA money. Members will begin circulating ideas for discussion at an upcoming meeting.

8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski