

Monkton Recreation Committee
Monday, April 3, 2023
7:00 to 8:00 PM
Meeting conducted at New Town Hall

Members Present: John Zaikowski, Paul Low, Rick Imes, Adam Crary
Others present: Cathie Buscaglia, Cal Hopwood

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

2. Review and approval of March Meeting minutes: No changes or modifications to the minutes. **Low made a motion to approve March minutes. Crary seconded. All were in favor (4-0-0).**

3. Dog Park Committee updates - Annual Program Celebration Event: Buscaglia advised that the DPC is planning to hold their annual celebration on May 13 from 3-5 pm, which will include food, beverage, music, and potentially catering with alcohol served. Rec Committee members identified the need for a copy of the caterer's (if/when retained) certificate of insurance and liquor license. Buscaglia also advised the shade structure project has been stalled due to funding and need for contracting/labor services. Buscaglia and Rec Committee members discussed the possibility of including a request for funds through the Committee's ARPA proposal. Buscaglia will put together information to include. Buscaglia also discussed the on-going water/drainage issues at the Dog Park. They are planning to fence off wet/muddy areas but are looking at other options such as adjusting the existing ditches/swales around the parking lot, and will report back to the Rec Committee.

4. Fireworks display at Morse Park: This item not discussed as the proponent of this idea was not in attendance.

5. Spring ballfields prep: Crary advised that for the Rec Field, the outfield fence needs replacing, batting cage will need to be put up, and infield raked. Crary will be setting up a work party date to take care of these. For Morse Park, Crary is planning to cut sod for bases and install a back stop under the fencing.

6. ARPA project proposals: Hopwood attended and advised he was thinking of submitting a proposal for a full-size basketball court and amphitheater at Morse Park. Rec Committee members discussed their current ideas (upgrades to the Rec Field, Repair of Morse Park walking path section, disc golf, and exercise stations). Rec Committee members advised Hopwood to follow the town scorecard, and bring his proposals back to the Committee in May for further discussion and evaluation for whether to incorporate them into the Committee's proposals. Zaikowski will also begin developing the Committee's proposals.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski