

**Monkton Recreation Committee**  
**Monday, May 1, 2023**  
**7:00 to 8:00 PM**  
**Meeting conducted at New Town Hall**

Members Present: John Zaikowski, Tim Hunt, Rick Imes, Adam Crary  
Others present: Jess Demmeritt, Kristin Blanchette

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM
  
2. Prior to working through the agenda, Jess Demmeritt had several questions for the Committee:
  1. The status of the Morse Park Management Plan: Zaikowski advised that the Committee and the Conservation Commission established a smaller group for purposes of working on the draft. The group met in January to review the Committee's comments. The Commission members took those comments, and would be updating the draft for further review.
  2. Whether the Committee has considered upgrading/repairing sections of the Morse Park walking path: Zaikowski advised the Committee was developing a proposal to request ARPA funds for this purpose.
  3. Whether the Committee would be interested in becoming involved in, and/or would support lifelong learning or community events. Zaikowski asked for examples. Demmeritt discussed examples such as yoga, wiffleball games, different types of classes, and community events. Committee members expressed strong support, but were unable to provide commitments of time or resources at present. Demmeritt indicated these would likely be in the form of ARPA proposals. Zaikowski also summarized the potential ARPA proposals the Committee was considering for submission: recoupment of lost revenues from activity fees, upgrades to the Morse Park walking path, installation of exercise equipment, upgrades to the Rec Field and Morse park ballfields, installation of disc golf. Demmeritt expressed support for those projects.
  
3. Review and approval of April Meeting minutes: No changes or modifications to the minutes. **Zaikowski made a motion to approve April minutes. Hunt seconded. All were in favor (4-0-0).**

4. Baseball season update: Blanchette provided a general update - all teams have been fielded (tee, farm, minors, and majors). Blanchette has an invoice for reimbursement. Zaikowski advised to email it to him for forwarding to the Town.
  
5. ARPA project proposals: Zaikowski has prepared an initial draft proposal for the various projects under consideration by the Committee (recoupment of lost activity fees, upgrades to the Rec Field and Morse Park ballfields, repair/upgrade of Morse Park walking path sections, disc golf, and exercise stations). The draft needs further input from various Committee members. Zaikowski will circulate it, with the goal of further review in June and submission to the Town as soon as possible thereafter.
  
6. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski