

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

Members Present: John Zaikowski, Tim Hunt, Paul Low, Rick Imes

Others Present: Cathie Buscaglia (Monkton Community Dog Park Committee)

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.
  
2. Buscaglia discussed that the Dog Park Committee has brought in a small pile of fill to help alleviate some of the standing water issues near the entrance. Work will continue once rain abates.
  
3. Review and approval of June Meeting minutes: No changes or modifications to the minutes. **Zaikowski made a motion to approve the June minutes. Low seconded. All were in favor (4-0-0).**
  
4. Unauthorized vehicle use at Morse Park: Several unauthorized vehicles (ATV and dirt bikes) caused damage to the Morse Park playing field on or about July 30. In addition, these types of vehicles are not allowed within the Park. Low posted a notice of the activity on Front Porch Forum, obtained the identities of the individuals, and spoke to their parents. This behavior will not be tolerated. Damage to public property is a serious offense to the Town, the youth sports programs that utilize the fields, and the community at large. Should these vehicles enter the Park again, or cause any damage, the Recreation Committee will evaluate its options.
  
5. Soccer: Zaikowski advised that Marc Arsenea has graciously volunteered to take on the role of Soccer Program Coordinator. Zaikowski has briefed him on responsibilities, and Marc is prepared to take on the role. He will be in contact with Monkton Central School to announce the start of the soccer year in the coming weeks.

6. Meeting with VHCB: the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB), has a new Stewardship Director, Isaac Bissell. Bissell reached out to Zaikowski to introduce himself, and set up a meeting to tour Morse Park and become familiar with the potential improvements being contemplated. The meeting is set for August 31.
  
7. CSSU Buccaneers Football Jamboree: The Jamboree is set for Saturday, August 26. Low will contact the Town's mowing contractor to have the non-playing field areas brush hogged between August 15 and 20.
  
8. ARPA project proposals: Members generally discussed each of the draft proposals again. Members had previously discussed the possibility of adding a proposal to build a pump track (a closed-loop dirt track with banked turns, berms, and small dips for riding a bicycle), however there is not current capacity to take on management of this project at this time. It may be revisited in the future if time and capacity allows. **Zaikowski made a motion to approve the ARPA proposal, consisting of six (6) requests: Recoup lost revenue from activity fees, Enhance the Rec Field baseball field and Morse Park ballfield, Purchase and install exercise equipment at Morse Park, Upgrade sections of the Morse Park walking path, Install a 3-hole disc golf course at Morse Park, and Construction of a Dog Park Shade Structure at Morse Park. Imes seconded. All were in favor (4-0-0).**
  
9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski