

**Monkton Recreation Committee**  
**Monday, November 6, 2023**  
**7:00 to 8:00 PM**  
**Meeting conducted at New Town Hall**

Members Present: John Zaikowski, Tim Hunt (via phone for items 1, 2, 3, 4), Paul Low, Rick Imes, Adam Crary, Ed Cook

Others Present: Ed McCarthy

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.
  
2. Review and approval of October Meeting minutes: No changes or modifications to the minutes. **Low made a motion to approve the October minutes. Crary seconded. All were in favor (6-0-0).**
  
3. Request by Kevin Lambert for Recreation Committee to take over basketball open gym program: Lambert submitted a written request to the Recreation Committee to consider formally sponsoring a basketball open gym at Monkton Central School during the fall and spring sports seasons, two nights a week. In his request, Lambert volunteered to oversee each session. Lambert advised in his written request that he established the open gym program the previous winter, and the school district discontinued the open gym in October 2023, citing liability and resource concerns in its decision. McCarthy appeared to express concern over the open gym program. Committee members wanted to have Lambert come to a meeting to get his perspective. Committee members also had general questions about the program before making a decision on Lambert's request. Zaikowski will reach out to Lambert to invite him to an upcoming meeting to discuss the concerns raised, and the Committee's questions.
  
4. Soccer season debrief: Zaikowski provided a general debrief. Marc Arseneau took over the role of coordinator and did a great job. Approximately 35 players from grades K through 6 participated. Monkton had 4 teams (K, 1/2 co-ed, 3/4 co-ed, and 5/6 co-ed). Equipment needs were generally sufficient. One goal post will need to be repaired or replaced. Low will take a look at it to see if it can be repaired.

5. ARPA Proposal debrief: The Committee will look to begin prioritizing and scheduling work to begin on the projects starting in the spring, taking time of year and site conditions into account. Stand-alone equipment such as the exercise stations and disc golf equipment will be ordered. Zaikowski will follow up with Pilcher on obtaining funds from lost activity fees.
  
6. Basketball season preview and equipment needs: Zaikowski is coordinating the program this year, and advised that the basketball signup has gone out. Deadline to sign up is November 10. After that Zaikowski will evaluate what team can be fielded. There is a 5-town coordinator meeting on November 13. Uniforms are getting old and worn. We may also need additional basketballs for the K-2 level given number of anticipated participants. **Low made a motion to authorize purchase of new jerseys for up to \$1,000.00, and purchase of up to ten (10) additional basketballs for up to \$400.00. Cook seconded. All were in favor 5-0-0.**
  
7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski