

**Monkton Recreation Committee**  
**Monday, February 5, 2024**  
**7:00 to 8:00 PM**  
**Meeting conducted at New Town Hall**

Members Present: John Zaikowski, Tim Hunt, Paul Low, Rick Imes, Adam Crary  
Others Present: Sarah Bouchard, Kevin Lambert, Ralph Fitz-Gerald, Terri Fitz-Gerald, Marylin Cargill, Brian Cargill, Cal Hopwood

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.
  
2. Proposal and plan for Open Gym Program: Lambert discussed open gym proposal. Committee members discussed the need for a minimum of two (2) volunteer coaches present at all times. Committee members discussed the timing of the program. Consideration should be given to not substantially overlap with other recreation programs (soccer in fall and little league in spring) in order to maximize options and maximize ability for youth to participate in each program. Open gym will begin with approximately 2 weeks remaining in the soccer season, and end prior to basketball season, resume at the conclusion of the basketball season, and end approximately 2 weeks into the little league season. The Committee will provide Lambert with a link to the Rec Program electronic registration form. Zaikowski will prepare the facility use form for submission to Monkton Central School for use of the gym. With respect to the volunteer list, one youth volunteer removed due to availability issues. **Zaikowski made a motion to approve the open gym proposal with discussed modifications (minimum 2 adult volunteer coaches present at all times, program to begin with approximately 2 weeks remaining in the soccer season, end prior to basketball season, resume at the conclusion of the basketball season, and end approximately 2 weeks into the little league season, and removal of youth volunteer). Low seconded. All were in favor (5-0-0).**
  
3. Basketball/multi-sport hardcourt ARPA Proposal: Lambert discussed hardcourt proposal, and creation of sub-committee. Members of the sub-committee will include: Kevin Lambert (chair), Sarah Bouchard, Teri Fitz-Gerald, Cal Hopwood, Andrew Peterson, and Tom Wilson. Sarah Bouchard, who is interested in serving on the Recreation Committee, will be nominated to join the committee, and if approved, will serve as the Committee's liaison to the hardcourt sub-committee. Low requested the Rec Committee receive monthly updates on

their work. Terri Fitz-Geral discussed Bristol pickleball group and efforts to coordinate with them.

4. Spring sports: Zaikowski will reach out to Kristin Blanchette to confirm if she's coordinating little league for Monkton, and invite her to the next Committee meeting to discuss the upcoming season.
  
5. Plan to prioritize/schedule implementing Rec Committee ARPA approved projects: Committee members reviewed the projects and discussed how to sequence and prioritize. Each member will take projects, and develop work plans for each to discuss at the next committee meeting: Walking Path: Low, Ballfield and Rec Field: Hunt and Crary, Exercise equipment: Low and Imes, and Disc Golf: Low.
  
6. Review and approval of December meeting minutes: **Hunt made a motion to approve December minutes. Lowe seconded. No changes or modifications. All were in favor. (5-0-0).**
  
7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski