

Monkton Recreation Committee
Monday, April 7, 2025
7:00 to 8:00 PM
Meeting conducted at New Town Hall

Members Present: Sarah Bouchard, Adam Crary, Rick Imes, Paul Low, John Zaikowski
Others Present: Devin Mason, Rick Kinsman, Nick Rosato

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.
2. Review and approval of March meeting minutes: **Bouchard made a motion to approve the March 3 minutes. Low seconded. No changes or modifications. All were in favor. (5-0-0).**
3. Spring cleaning/equipment prep day for Morse Park and Rec field ballfields:
Kinsman discussed upcoming prep day scheduled for April 12. Planning to prep the infield, potentially brush hog, and picnic tables need to be repainted. Cost estimate of paint discussed. Kinsman asked if the areas along the access road could be mowed/widened to allow for additional parking as Rec Field use is anticipated to increase this season. Members advised that areas along the access road could be mowed during the prep day to demarcate those areas, and the mowing contractor can follow those areas. Zaikowski advised the Rec Field batting cage will be replaced, and padding installed at the backstop. Benches for the Morse Park ballfield will also be installed. Kinsman also asked if a porta-potty could be placed at the Morse Park ballfield, as that field's use is anticipated to increase this season. The Committee will add a porta potty to the park-and-ride area uphill of the playing field during the season (mid-April to mid-June). **Zaikowski made a motion to authorize purchase of paint for the Rec Field picnic tables in the amount of \$200. Imes seconded. All were in favor. (5-0-0).**
4. ARPA project updates: No updates
5. Other: Rosato attended the meeting on behalf of the Cedar Lake Association, to discuss ways to improve recreational activities on Monkton Pond (Cedar Lake). They are also engaged in, and exploring millfoil removal, and looking at possible fundraising ideas for their invasive management initiatives and to increase awareness, and asked for input on any ideas. Members generally discussed

athletic or family-inclusive event ideas such as a triathlon or fishing derby, but ultimately up to the Lake Association to pursue its own initiatives.

6. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski