

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

Members Present: Ed Cook, John Zaikowski, Paul Low, Sarah Bouchard, Tim Hunt, Rick Imes

Others Present: Kevin Lambert, Ralph Fitz-Gerald, Terri Fitz-Gerald, Keri Gardner, Deb Gaynor, Cathie Buscaglia

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. Monkton Community Dog Park Updates: MCDP members recognized Paul Low as a champion of the dog park and presented him with a plaque to honor his contributions. Wooden Hammer made the plaque. It will be hung in the gazebo. Low thanked the MCDP.

3. Basketball/hardcourt project updates: Lambert provided an update on resolving outstanding permitting questions and has had discussions about site location. The Rec Field was evaluated but is proving to be somewhat constricted and asked the Rec Committee to consider building the basketball court and multi-sport hardcourts at Morse Park in an area of the current playing fields. General discussion of dimensions and potential layouts. Members also discussed potential parking pressures and possibility for future parking expansion. The Rec Committee is supportive of moving forward with Morse Park as the location, but asked for a site plan showing approximate dimensions and locations of the courts before formal approval. Lambert and Low will meet at Morse Park to walk the playing field and evaluate potential layouts.

4. Soccer: Sarah Bouchard is replacing Marc Arseneau as soccer coordinator. She will be conducting an inventory of current jerseys and equipment, meeting with other town coordinators, and initiating the registration process once school starts.

5. Morse Park and Rec Field shed locks and swings: Zaikowski advised that both the Morse Park and Rec Field shed locks and hinges had been broken open and the sheds accessed. It didn't appear any equipment had been removed from the

sheds. Both hinges have been replaced. Zaikowski also advised that the Rec Field swing seats need to be replaced. Low will look at the swings and order replacements.

6. ARPA project updates: No updates at this time.

7. Morse Park draft management plan: Zaikowski advised that he and Crary had met over time with several members of the Conservation Commission to work through the draft plan. The most recent version circulated to the Rec Committee members was approved by the Conservation Commission. Zaikowski provided a high-level overview of the plan, and requested members review the draft in anticipation of further discussion at its next meeting.

8. Review and approval of May meeting minutes: **Hunt made a motion to approve March minutes. Cook seconded. No changes or modifications. All were in favor, with one abstention. (5-1-0).**

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski