

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

Members Present: John Zaikowski, Paul Low, Sarah Bouchard, Rick Imes

1. Call to Order: Zaikowski called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.
  
2. Review and approval of September meeting minutes: **Low made a motion to approve September 4 minutes. Bouchard seconded. No changes or modifications. All were in favor, with one abstention. (4-0-0).**
  
3. Morse Park 10/2 Unauthorized Vehicle Access: Zaikowski advised that the Rec Committee had received a report on 10/3/24 that on 10/2/24 at approximately 10 pm, a full size white truck was observed doing donuts in the parking lot and the soccer fields at Morse Park. Zaikowski advised that he went over to inspect the fields on 10/3/24 and observed that, luckily, it was mostly ripped up grass in the area just north of the volleyball court, and on the 3/4 soccer field, with no significant rutting. The grass will eventually regrow, no need for topsoil or further repair. Fortunately the dry weather helped in this instance. Members discussed options for further limiting unauthorized vehicle access through the parking lot, including placement of additional rock barricades. Low will take a look at the area to determine what is feasible.
  
4. Morse Park Management Plan: Zaikowski advised that the Conservation Commission agreed to the Committee's prior comments and requested changes related to management decisions and the map. In the interim period Cray also identified several areas where further modification to the use type was desirable, and communicated those to the Conservation Commission. The Committee will await the Conservation Commission's response on those requested changes before final review and vote on the draft Plan.
  
5. ARPA project updates: Imes and Low will be evaluating options for exercise station equipment type and materials, and anticipates ordering the equipment in the next several months for storage over the winter, in anticipation of installation

during the 2025 construction season. Low is evaluating contractor options for the walking path project.

6. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski