

Monkton Recreation Committee
Monday, May 5, 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, Ralph FitzGerald, Kristin Blanchette

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

2. Review and approval of April meeting minutes: **Low made a motion to approve the April minutes. Crary seconded. No changes or modifications. All were in favor. (5-0-0).**

3. Debrief of Spring cleaning/prep day for Morse Park and Rec field ballfields: Prep day held on April 12. The Rec infield was prepped, brush hogging completed, and picnic tables scraped and ready to be repainted. Zaikowski advised the Rec Field batting cage was replaced, and padding installed at the backstop. Crary installed benches for the Morse Park ballfield. Zaikowski assembled remaining equipment (L-screen, liner, etc.) for the ballfield. Low arranged for a porta potty to be installed at the Park and Ride next to the school lot. Both fields are ready for play.

4. Locks and theft at the Rec Field: Zaikowski discussed that the Rec Field shed has been broken into several times since last summer. The scoreboard controller appears to have been stolen, but members will continue looking for it and if it can't be located, will determine if it can be replaced. New locks were placed on the Rec Field shed and storage container several weeks ago, however they too were stolen. Replacement locks have been installed. Sheriff's department has begun regular check-ins, and hopefully that will address the issues, but the Committee will continue to monitor the situation. Blanchette reported that Monkton has 73 little league players this year (out of a total of 217), reflecting good numbers. Blanchette and members generally discussed expenses, and Blanchette will utilize her budget surplus, and if any expense remains, will bring those to the committee for its consideration.

5. ARPA project updates: All materials and equipment for the Rec Field and Morse Park ballfield project have been purchased, installed, and completed. FitzGerald

advised that the basketball court/hardcourt project has secured funds for paving, and the contractor will re-commence earthwork and start paving next week. They also have another fundraiser scheduled for May 17. Zaikowski advised that the Morse Park walking path project is anticipated for late summer/fall depending on weather/ground conditions. Low advised exercise equipment is on order with anticipated delivery in several months.

6. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Zaikowski