

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

August 5, 2010

*Background notes for Monday, August 9th
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

STAFF APPRECIATION PARTY

The Commission's annual get-together to thank the summer staff members who have worked at the summer programs and pool will be held after the Commission meeting, about 8 PM at Rosemary Pool. We have 4 staff members who are completing their fifth summers of work who will be recognized.

YOUTH COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

The Park and Recreation Commission is responsible for appointing a representative to the Needham Youth Commission. The past representative, Connie Barr, has asked not to be re-appointed so that she may focus more energy on her work as Chairman of the School Committee. The Youth Services Director has recommended Jessica Hoguet who has interest in the appointment. She will attend the meeting for a discussion with the Commission, and an appointment can be voted on at the August 23rd meeting, if appropriate.

SENIOR CENTER UPDATE

Ms. Carey is still working with the Senior Center Advisory Committee to arrange for an update at an upcoming Commission meeting. It was hoped that someone could attend on August 9th, but it will now need to be delayed.

GREENE'S FIELD PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE

The DPW has arranged for special equipment to remove the Greene's Field playground structure during the week of August 16th or August 23rd. The equipment has been rented for another project at DeFazio, but Greene's Field will be done after the DeFazio project.

MILLS TENNIS COURTS

There is one last project to be done at the Mills Field tennis courts – the loam and seed around the courts and disturbed areas. The contractor will finish this work in mid to late August, which should be a more productive growing season than June and July.

ASA SMALL DIAMOND PROJECTS

A contract has been awarded this week, by the Town, for the installation of a new backstop and outfield fencing at the Asa Small diamond. Little League has made a generous donation for the new dugouts at the Asa Small diamond. The work should be completed sometime around Labor Day.

PROJECTS WITH DPW

The DPW will be making permanent repairs to the McLeod Diamond sink-hole area during the week of August 16th. Some staff from DPW and I inspected the house and property at 174 Charles River Street last week. There were no major surprises or concerns, so it should be a standard removal project. I have been meeting with the new Parks and Forestry Superintendent Ed Olsen throughout the week. One of the projects we are reviewing is the proposal from the Athletic Director and Booster Club to donate a batting cage at Claxton Field. Once more details are available, it will come before the Commission for a decision.

ARTS IN THE PARKS

The final concert of the summer is Thursday, August 13th. The Exchange Club is sponsoring "The Reminisants" – if you haven't been able to attend a concert, this is a great one to try out!
