

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING
August 9, 2010**

- PRESENT:** Philip V. Robey, Chairman
Cynthia J. Chaston, Member
Brian S. Nadler, Member
Patricia M. Carey, Director
Karen A. Peirce, Assistant Director
- ABSENT:** Thomas M. Jacob, Vice-Chairman
Michael J. Retzky, Member
- GUESTS:** Bob Cohen, Resident
Jessica Hoguet, Youth Commission Representative Applicant

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM in the Charles River Room in the Public Services Administration Building.

1. **Minutes of Meeting: July 26, 2010:** Mrs. Chaston made a motion to approve the July 26, 2010 meeting minutes. Mr. Nadler seconded the motion and it was approved.
2. **Director's Report:**
 - A. **Report:** Submitted in writing prior to the meeting. Ms. Carey noted that soil samples have been taken, prior to the removal of the Greene's Field Playground structure. The area may require some clean up after the structure is removed. She also reported that DPW will repair the sink hole that developed at DeFazio Field.
3. **Assistant Director's Report:** Ms. Peirce is working on the final draft of the Fall Brochure. Summer programs are ending on Thursday and clean up day is Friday August 13th. It has been a good summer with hard working staff at both the pool and the programs.
4. **Discussion Items:**
 - A. **Interview: Youth Commission Representative Candidate:** Mr. Robey welcomed Ms. Jessica Hoguet to the meeting. Mr. Robey asked Ms. Hoguet about her background and her interest in serving as the Park and Recreation Representative serving on the Youth Commission. Ms. Hoguet is a Needham parent with 3 children. She has a background in social work and has been working with the CAP Child Assault Prevention Program for a few years. Her interest in the position is both personal and professional. She stated the Youth Commission is crucial to the Town of Needham and she would like to offer

her time as the Park and Recreation Representative. Mr. Nadler asked if Ms. Hoguet would be willing to send Ms. Carey a brief report after each Youth Commission meeting and she willingly agreed. A vote will be taken at the next Commission meeting. Mr. Robey thanked Ms. Hoguet for attending the meeting.

B. Rosemary Pool Update: Ms. Carey is spending a lot of time this week finalizing the letters for the appeal regarding Rosemary Lake. Ms. Carey noted the Pool Supervisors and staff members have been doing a very good job this summer keeping the pool safe and clean.

C. Senior Center Feasibility Study Update: Ms. Carey has not heard back on whether a representative of the study committee will be attending an upcoming meeting.

D. Needham 300: Ms. Carey announced the Commission may receive an additional item for the field permit at Greene's Field for the Old Fashioned Field Day. The Needham 300 Committee is looking into having a hot air balloon but they need to assess the area prior to making the request.

5. Action Items:

A. Special Event Request: Temple Aliyah: Mr. Nadler made a motion to approve the special event request from Temple Aliyah to host a Family BBQ for Temple membership on Sunday, October 3, 2010 from 2:30-8PM at the DeFazio Tot Lot. Mrs. Chaston seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

B. Nehoiden Street Subdivision Plans: Ms. Carey shared the Definitive Subdivision plans for 198-200 Nehoiden Street subdivision. Two revisions have been added to the plans reviewed on March 4, 2010. The two revisions include the addition of a 3 foot landscaped buffer running along the Southerly property line abutting 208 Nehoiden Street and the widening of the footpath easement from 3.5 feet to 8.66 feet including the 3 foot landscaped buffer, making the usable width of the footpath 5 feet.. This walking path will provide pedestrian access to the camp property. Mrs. Chaston made a motion to approve the Nehoiden Street Subdivision Plans. Mr. Nadler seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

C. Accept Little League Donation for Asa Small Dugouts: Ms. Carey reported that the Needham Little League has donated \$50,000 to the Town for the Asa Small Dugouts. Mr. Nadler made a motion to accept the \$50,000 gift from the Needham Little League to be used for the Asa Small Dugouts. Mrs. Chaston seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

6. Topics for Future Agendas: Mrs. Chaston and Mr. Nadler both received letters from resident Joan Kelly regarding the decision to prohibit dogs at DeFazio Park. Ms. Carey is granting Junior Football permission to place a temporary trailer at Claxton for the fall season, which has been approved for several years and has not

been a problem. Ms. Carey will be attending the Traffic Management Advisory Committee meeting this week to talk about neighborhood issues with athletic field parking.

7. **Adjournment:** Mr. Nadler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54PM to attend the Summer Staff Appreciation Celebration at Rosemary Pool. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Chaston and the meeting adjourned at 7:54PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Peirce, CPRP, CTRS
Assistant Director