

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

May 11, 2012

*Background notes for Tuesday, May 15th
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

CHANGE IN MEETING DATE

Just a reminder that the Commission has moved its meeting date to Tuesday, May 15th, as Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 14th. At this time, due to the Memorial Day holiday, no second meeting is scheduled in May.

The Commission had scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, May 9th in the event any discussion was needed prior to a Town Meeting article, but since there were no issues to discuss, the meeting was cancelled.

VACATION

I'll be out-of-state on Thursday, May 17 through Sunday, May 20 for a family event.

IPM COMMITTEE

I just wanted to clarify some information inadvertently misspoken at Town Meeting. All meetings of the IPM Committee have been legally posted, with minutes taken as required. Though there are daily meetings amongst staff members, the IPM Committee was created by policy and discusses issues important to residents, so the meetings have always been considered public meetings.

TOUCH THE TRUCKS

Don't forget this special event on Saturday, May 19th from 10 AM to Noon in the DeFazio parking lot. This event is Park and Recreation's way of thanking the DPW for all that they do, and introducing some of their staff and some of their trucks to the public. It's a favorite of many Needham families!

NAMING

A possible donation has come forward to the Newman PTC for the playground, with the hopes that the playground can be named to honor Philip V. Robey, retired member of the Park and Recreation Commission among many other contributions to the Needham community. I have already sent a personal letter of support to the School Committee, and individual members of the Commission are also able to do that. The School Committee is meeting on May 15th, too, but Chairman Mike Retzky has asked for this to be on the agenda, to show support for all Mr. Robey's contributions.

GREENE'S FIELD PLAYGROUND

The Town Manager and I will meet with the Assistant Town Manager/Chief Procurement Officer to find out how to proceed if the project had some public funds in addition to privately raised funds. One of the members of the fundraising group is going to meet

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with the Brownie troop that had sent in a letter earlier this spring. I wasn't able to attend, so I put together a little write-up for them, a copy of which is in the meeting packet.

RAIL TRAIL

The possible rail trail is still under study. Both Medfield and Dover have received small sums of funding at their Town Meetings this spring to help towards the cost of the study of the possible trail starting in Needham near Roche Bros. and continuing through to Medfield center. In early June, we'll meet with many of Needham's department managers to get their questions and concerns on the table to insure they are studied.
