

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

April 4, 2014

*Background notes for Monday, April 7th
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

POOL STUDY

The Commission will host their Monday, April 7th meeting at Town Hall in Powers Hall at 7 PM. Information was sent to the Needham Times and Needham Hometown Weekly, was sent out on *Notify Me* to those who signed up for updates on the Pool Study and those on Recreation Information. Notice was sent to the Swim Team and to all who purchased pool passes and registered for swim lessons last summer. Postcards were mailed to Town Meeting members, which includes members of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

The Commission will review all of the input and vote on their recommendation at a special meeting on Wednesday, April 30 at 7 PM in the Charles River Room at PSAB.

POOL PRE-SEASON

The annual draw-down of the lake will start in mid-April, weather permitting. We are in the process of finalizing contracts for the purchase of chlorine and other pool supplies, and have placed the order for the special pool paint. Special thanks to Aaron Lacher at DPW Administration for locating a new source for the pool paint at a savings in cost from prior years!

ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTS

Last Friday, MUSCO contacted me to state that the computer link had been lost. I did some testing on site for them, and they scheduled the electrician to replace a component on Tuesday, so lights were ready for the first night of use of the synthetic turf fields. On Wednesday, MUSCO contacted me about some fuses at DeFazio that needed replacement. Public Facilities is working on that repair.

RESTROOMS

Just a reminder – the park restrooms do not open until later in April, after the thaw is gone from the soil and the night temperatures stay above freezing. The spring sports season begins before these conditions are in place. The High School has placed portable restrooms at some locations for the interim.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 12th Town-Wide clean-up and Trail Day – including projects on the rail trail and on the Rosemary Lake trails. It will be a busy day – but just what we want to see with residents working together across the community.
