

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

**Minutes of Meeting
April 27, 2015**

PRESENT: Cynthia J. Chaston, Chairman
David C. DiCicco, Vice-Chairman
Christopher J. Gerstel, Member
Michael J. Retzky, Member
Matthew M. Toolan, Member
Patricia M. Carey, Director
Robyn G. Fink, Assistant Director

GUESTS: Katy Dirks, Community Center of Needham
Daniel P. Matthews, Selectman

Mrs. Chaston called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM in the Café at the Center at the Heights.

1. **Minutes of Meeting – April 13, 2015:** Mr. DiCicco made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Toolan, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
2. **Director’s Report:** Ms. Carey highlighted Take a Hike, which took place April 25th on the proposed Aqueduct Trail.
3. **Program Report:** Ms. Fink provided a written update on programs.
4. **Discussion Items**
 - A. **Rosemary Pool Study:** Mrs. Chaston said the Selectmen are supportive of the Rosemary Pool Project however the Finance Committee (FinCom) has voted to recommend the appropriation, but has reservations about the project. Mrs. Chaston asked how the Commission wanted to discuss the recent proposal regarding an enclosed pool at Rosemary. Mr. Toolan suggested that the design phase would provide information. Dan Matthews said the Selectmen were not concerned as to where the pool would be located on the site but wanted to make sure the money that was being requested would lead to a plan that is buildable. Mr. Retzky pointed out that they needed to look at the options and costs to build a community pool that would be for everyone’s use. Mr. Toolan mentioned that the building costs and operating costs of each design must also be looked at when choosing the design.

- B. School Feasibility Study:** Ms. Carey said that Cricket Field had been removed from sites considered in the School Feasibility Study. Dore and Whittier were most likely going to ask to request to remove the Town Forest from the list. DeFazio “east” and “west” options would be kept on the list.
- C. Community Preservation Projects:** There was no new information.
- D. Town Meeting Preparation:** The Community Preservation Committee liaison for each project will present at Town Meeting. The Park and Recreation Commission will be available to answer any questions. Mrs. Chaston will assist with the Rosemary Pool Project presentation. Ms. Carey asked for all Commission members to send her any questions that were raised at League of Women Voters’ Warrant Meeting so that they could be answered for Town Meeting.
- E. Spring/Summer Field Scheduling:** The Needham Soccer Club is requesting an extra hour of lights for Saturday, May 21. This request will be on the next agenda as an action item.

5. Action Items

A. None Presented

6. Topics for Future Agendas: No additional topics were discussed.

7. Adjournment of Meeting: Mr. Gerstel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13PM. Mr. DiCicco seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:13PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Fink, CPRP, CPSI
Assistant Director