

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

July 23, 2015

*Background notes for Monday, July 27th
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

JULY 27th MEETING

The PPBC interviewed 3 firms who had submitted proposals for the Rosemary design project. A quorum was not present at the interviews, so each voting member who was present will provide input to a quorum of the PPBC for a vote at their July 27th meeting. The Commission temporarily appointed Mr. Retzky as a user representative to the PPBC for the interviews and voting, as Mr. Toolan was not available. Ms. Carey is the second user representative. Mr. Retzky and Ms. Carey will attend the PPBC meeting at 8:45 PM for the discussion and vote.

COMMISSION GOALS, POLICIES, REGULATIONS

This is a reminder to the Commission members to bring your copies of the goals, policies and regulations for a discussion on each document.

SUMMER PROGRAMS AND THE POOL

It is hard to believe that half of the summer has already passed, but we still have four weeks of fun activities at programs, and five weeks at the Pool. Fridays have lots of special events, with KidzArt exhibits in the morning and afternoon, a Kids Off Broadway production in the afternoon, and Friday Fun Night at the Pool.

ARTS IN THE PARKS

Still to come...Juke Joint 5 (July 30), North Country (August 6) and 4EverFab (August 13). The concerts are free at Memorial Park and start at 7 PM. The final Children's Theatre performance will be on Tuesday, July 28 at 1:30 PM at Mitchell, featuring the magic of Robert Clarke.

FALL PROGRAMS

We love the fall programs, but we can't say it is totally enjoyable working on setting them up when we are experiencing beautiful summer days full of action at the programs and the Pool. The Assistant Director is organizing all the dates, locations and staff, and will request approval of fees for the programs she has set to go. She is looking at some additional options, so might have additional information at the next Commission meeting.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Selectmen have called for a Special Town Meeting on Monday, November 2nd.

WELLESLEY TOWN GOVERNMENT REVIEW

The Town of Wellesley is considering changing their form of government to a Town Manager form, similar to Needham. They are reaching out to Needham officials to interview. Cynthia Chaston will represent the Park and Recreation Commission. She

was elected to the Commission under the prior form of government and was part of the discussions and transition.

GREENE'S FIELD

The new picnic tables at the shade structure and in the corner of the playground area were installed a few weeks ago, along with a few additional benches around the playground structures. We have also purchased a solar bench that will go at Greene's Field. The exact location is still to be determined.

DONATION

The Community Center of Needham has very generously donated the following to Rosemary Pool: 12 barbell floats, 1 inflatable basketball hoop and ball, 24 pool noodles, 1 jumbo checkerboard, 5 youth life jackets, 7 water hopper balls, 4 jumbo umbrellas with stands, 14 Adirondack chairs (adult and youth sizes), and 2 double kayaks with paddles.

MILLS FIELD PROJECT

The parking project at Mills Field needs to go before the Planning Board. The public hearing will be scheduled for Tuesday, August 11th.

COACH DON BROCK RETIREMENT

Coach Brock's career will be celebrated on Saturday, October 10th. There will be a dedication of a new scoreboard and bleachers at 12:30 PM, immediately followed by a Varsity Soccer Game vs. Newton South at 1 PM. A celebration will be held at the Needham Sheraton at 6:30 PM. Donation and ticket information is available at <http://www.needhamsoccer.com/Events/CoachDonBrockRetirement/tabid/19117/Default.aspx>
