

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

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**September 24, 2015**

*Background notes for Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>  
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

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**COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Due to the holiday, the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will now be held on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Town Hall-Selectmen's Chambers.

Assistant Director Robyn Fink will not be at the September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, as she is taking a few days of vacation. She will provide an updated program report at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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**RAIL TRAIL**

The contract for the next phase of work is being awarded to Cataldo Construction and Landscaping, the current contractor on the Newman/Eastman project. I'm pleased that we'll be able to continue to work with this quality contractor. Work will begin in mid-October and should be complete by the end of November. More details will be available after the contract work is complete and a "kick-off" meeting is held.

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**COACH DON BROCK**

The Board of Selectmen have signed a proclamation declaring Saturday, October 10, 2015 as "Don Brock Day" in Needham, in recognition of his 48 consecutive years as Needham High Boys Soccer Coach. During this tenure, the teams had many achievements including 20 Bay State Conference titles, 15 South Sectional titles, 10 Eastern Massachusetts titles, and five State Championships. Coach Brock's career total of 696 wins is among the highest ever for high school coaches nationwide. His 600<sup>th</sup> win was televised and was the first official night game held on the new synthetic turf field at Memorial Park. Coach Brock has been recognized as National High School Coach of the Year, Boston Globe Coach of the Year, Boston Herald Coach of the Year, and Coach of the Year by the Eastern Massachusetts Soccer Coaches Association. He was inducted into the Massachusetts State Soccer Hall of Fame.

A dedication of a new scoreboard and bleachers on Don Brock Field at DeFazio Park will be held on Saturday, October 10 at 12:30 PM, followed by a Needham High Boys Soccer game. An evening celebration will be held at the Needham Sheraton, with many of his former players returning to honor their coach.

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