

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

March 9, 2018

*Background notes for Monday, March 12, 2018
Park and Recreation Commission Agenda*

ELIOT LEPRECHAUN 5K

Representatives will attend the meeting to give an update on their plans for the March 17th event.

SPRING IN THE OFFICE

The spring is typically a very busy time at Park and Recreation, but a bit more than usual this year. We still won't have a complete full-time staff in the short-term as we move forward, but are working on bringing in additional qualified staff temporarily so we can focus on preparing for the exciting opening of the Pools at Rosemary Recreation Complex.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND PROPOSALS

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 14 at 7:30 PM at Powers Hall at Town Hall. A member of the Commission will present the camp property project for demolition of the buildings along the trails.

NEEDHAM HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

This group had requested a presentation at one of their spring meetings on the Rosemary Recreation Complex. They are excited about the new facility located in Needham Heights. The dates that they suggested are currently Commission meeting nights, so someone will reach out to me with some other possibilities. If a member of the Commission is interested in doing the presentation, let me know and I can connect you with the coordinators.

BID-NEEDHAM

I met with the Community Relations Coordinator Alyssa Kence this week to discuss partnerships with the hospital and the department. We talked about the importance of the programs and facilities being part of an individual's prevention of illness or chronic disease, as well as recovery. BID-Needham will coordinate on some program ideas with us, including promotions on ticks and sunscreen. We'll also look at something with direct contact with doctors, i.e. Walk with a Doctor on a trail. They can also participate in some of our upcoming celebrations, including the opening of the Needham Accessible Reservoir Trail and Rosemary Recreation Complex.

NEEDHAM ACCESSIBLE RESERVOIR TRAIL

Though we don't have an opening celebration date, I've received positive feedback from several organizations to partner with us on the celebration, including Charles River Center, Sportsman's Club, Parent Talk – and other Town departments including DPW.

DeFAZIO PARKING LOT

Pending weather conditions, the barriers at the DeFazio parking lot will be re-set up in late March, hopefully in advance of the first uses of the park. We are working on purchasing some additional barriers, to help fix some problem areas noted last year during the first season of use. I've put a request in to the Police Department to set up a temporary speed monitor on the driveway, early in the season, to get people to be more aware of their speeds.

TENNIS NETS

Pending weather conditions, the tennis nets will be put back up on the courts in mid to late March. The sale of tennis badges started this week.

WALKER POND REPORT

The final report from the consultant has been submitted to the Conservation Department. Staff from various Town departments, including Town Manager, DPW, Conservation and I will meet to review the various recommendations, and put together a proposal for review by boards, including the Park and Recreation Commission.
