

TOWN OF SIMSBURY – CULTURE, PARKS, AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Subject to Vote of Approval – Regular Meeting Minutes – **Thursday, January 25, 2024** – 2 pages

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by David Bush, Chairman at Simsbury Town Hall. Other commission members who were present included Lori Coppinger, Danielle Celli, Liz Keppel, Kelly Kearney, and Erik Petersen. The C. P. & R. Director, Tom Tyburski and Board of Selectman Liaison, Diana Yeisley were also in attendance.

Public Session – Comments limited to 3 minutes per person. Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission

No comments.

Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission Member Comments

No comments.

Minutes- October 6, 2023 Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission

Mr. Bush declared the October 6, 2023 minutes approved and requested that they be put on record.

New Business

2024 Simsbury Farms Golf Course Proposed Fees – Ms. Coppinger made a motion to move the approval of these fees to a consent agenda. Ms. Keppel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Bush asked that these fees be recommended to the Board of Selectmen.

2024 Summer Aquatics and Day Camp Proposed Fees – Ms. Keppel made a motion to move the approval of the proposed fees to a consent agenda. Mr. Kearney seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Bush asked that these fees be recommended to the Board of Selectmen.

2024 Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission Proposed Meeting Dates- Mr. Tyburski shared that the meeting in March, October and December would be moved to the Apple Barn due to the election. The meeting in June can also be held at the golf course. Mr. Kearney made a motion to accept the 2024 proposed meeting dates with the recommended change to move the March, October and December dates to the Apple Barn. Ms. Coppinger seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Ms. Yeisley shared that the elevator at Town Hall will not be ADA accessible April through June due to repairs so there may be a few meetings they need to move around.

Summer Program Registration Update – Mr. Tyburski shared that they have begun the hiring process and hope to have it complete by April. He shared that they started summer program registration last Tuesday at 6 a.m. and by 9 a.m. they had sold out every spot in Camp Stuff-Ta-Doo and have a waiting list of 40 people. Adventure Camp is half way sold out (without even knowing trip schedule yet). Tennis and golf camp registration opens tomorrow. Swim lessons for Camp Stuff-Ta-Doo also sold out.

Spring & Summer Events Announcement – Mr. Tyburski shared they will be doing the Easter egg hunt this year again. Simsbury Clean-Up Day is a tentative date so far. They have received Youth Services Board Grant funding to assist with the flashlight egg hunt, Fun Fest and Simsbury Farms Touch-A-Truck. He shared he is still working on the dates for the golf glow in the dark events and dive-in movie.

Old Business

AEDs in the park update-Mr. Tyburski shared that the news release went out regarding the AED installation at Simsbury Farms and Simsbury-Granby Rotary asked how they can be a part of it. They will be supporting the purchase of one at Rotary Park, the unit was ordered today. He shared that the Soccer Club will likely buy one or two, however, they will just buy the case and AED and it will not be hooked up to electricity. Mr. Tyburski will also see if lacrosse and football will pay for one at Weatogue Park.

Resignation

Danielle Celli resigned her position on the Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission effective Monday, January 8, 2024. Mr. Bush thanked her for her participation and input.

Mr. Bush congratulated the golf staff for another successful year.

Mr. Kearney asked that Master Plan updates be included in future meeting agendas. He also shared that while walking the Family Fitness Trail, he noticed that the carts paths at the course really need to be done. Mr. Tyburski shared that they spoke with the architect a couple weeks ago and he sent them a proposal that he needs to respond to. Mr. Kearney also suggested C.P.R. discuss their vision for the golf course restaurant.

Adjourn

Mr. Kearney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Coppinger seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of the C. P. & R. Commission will be February 22, 2024 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Taylor,
Commission Clerk