

TOWN OF SIMSBURY – CULTURE, PARKS, AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Subject to Vote of Approval – Special Meeting Minutes – **Thursday, July 18, 2019** – 2 pages

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by David Bush, Chairman, at Simsbury Farms. Other commission members who were present included Gerry Wetjen, Dennis Fallon, Sarah Cramer, and Lori Coppinger. The C. P. & R. Director, Thomas Tyburski, and Board of Selectman Liaison, Chris Peterson, were also in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

No changes were made to the June 27, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mr. Bush declared the minutes approved and requested that they be put on record.

Public Session

None.

Presentations

None.

New Business

Simsbury Farms Golf Course Report. A 1-page report detailing Simsbury Farms Golf Course annual income was distributed. Mr. Tyburski reported that staff is working with the POS vendor to fix a minor reporting error, staff expects this to be resolved quickly. Overall, June was a good month for the golf course. Mr. Bush shared his sentiments that offering other towns season passes was a great idea.

Fall Movie In the Park Event. Partnering with the PAC, a free movie in the park is scheduled for September 14, 2019. The PAC's infrastructure will be utilized, C.P.R. will license the movie and rent the screen for about \$1200. Mr. Tyburski reported it may make sense to look into purchasing the whole package (projector, screen, speaker, cart) for \$3500 if the Dept. will be holding more events like this in the future. Mr. Bush stated he thought the movie was a great idea and a great location.

Reschedule September 2019 Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Date. The September meeting will have to be re-scheduled due to Mr. Tyburski being unavailable. Mr. Bush recommended August 29, 2019 for the next meeting.

Old Business

Update on Parks and Open Space Master Plan Process. Mr. Tyburski encouraged the Commission to sign up for a time slot. There is a lot of time available Wednesday and Thursday. A survey will be forthcoming at the end of July with 6-7 weeks for completion. Mr. Peterson suggested town signage, such as a sandwich board, to make the community aware of the survey and remind them to complete it by the deadline. Mr. Bush encouraged the Commission to attend and encourage the public too as well, as this is a good opportunity to get opinions heard. He asked that Mr. Tyburski re-send the questionnaire to provide talking points.

Update on Simsbury Farms Ice Rink Solar Project. Mr. Tyburski stated that the project is 97% done. Eversource will now be replacing the transformer at roadside on August 2nd.

Mr. Peterson inquired as to what protocol was in place for the hot weekend ahead. Mr. Tyburski stated that there would be two extra lifeguards on duty and that they would rotate 3 spots, doing 30 minutes on and 30 minutes off. The extra office would also be utilized for air conditioned breaks. Incoming golfers will be asked if they are familiar with the course and the water stops will be pointed out.

Adjourn

Mr. Wetjen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fallon seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of the C. P. & R. Commission will be re-scheduled from September 26, 2019. The tentative date is August 29, 2019 at 7 p.m. at Simsbury Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Taylor, Commission Clerk