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SIMSBURY FARMS COMPLEX COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012

MINUTES

Present: Gerry Post, Sarah Cramer, Dennis Fallon, Tony Braz, Chuck Ford, David Dell and Mark Lubetkin

C.P. & R. Commission – David Bush, Harry Ryan, Gerry Wetjen
C.P. & R. Director - Gerry Toner

Call to Order: Gerry Toner called the meeting to order. Mr. Toner asked that we amend the order of business and hold off on the election of a chairman until the CP & R representatives present at the meeting could speak regarding the future of the SFC.

Minutes: The December minutes were unanimously approved. There was no January meeting.

Election of Officers: Tabled until further notice.

Cultural Parks and Recreation Chairman David Bush presentation: Mr. Bush discussed with the SFC members the possibility of disbanding the SFC due to a number of factors;

1. The completion of projects defined in the 10+ year Simsbury Farms Master Plan.
2. The difficulty in attaining a consistent number of board members at monthly SFC meetings for a quorum.
3. The difficulty in attaining a consistent number of board members at monthly CP & R meetings for a quorum.

A discussion followed between board members as to options and ideas going

forward to address the issues and needs of both the SFC and CP & R boards. They are as follows:

1. Disband the Simsbury Farms Commission and offer seats by respective party to SFC members on the C P & R board as seats become available. One C P & R member would be designated as the Simsbury Farms Complex liaison to address the complex needs in the future and report to the C P & R Commission.
2. To address future Simsbury Farms Complex needs, the C P & R would appoint special sub-committees on an as needed basis to address projects as they arise or needs are identified.
3. The Simsbury Farms Commission would continue as an independent board but as a smaller board of possible five members meeting once a month.

4. There would be no change made and the Simsbury Farms Committee will continue as is for the near future.

Mr. Bush thanked everyone for their thoughts and ideas and stated the information would be brought back to the C P & R Commission for discussion at the next meeting. A decision on the future of the SFC would be made at that meeting.

Golf & Swim Rates: Rates for the golf and swim programs were discussed and some minor adjustments were made for the upcoming season.

A discussion followed regarding how to boost youth attendance at the golf course and the possibility of developing youth programs at the Junior High and High School level.

Main Building Project: It was reported that the building construction continues on schedule, thanks to favorable weather conditions. It is expected that the pool area and majority of construction will be completed with the exception of some work in the main building. No delay in the opening of the pools is expected.

Simsbury Farms Apple Barn: The future project was discussed briefly as well as the programs it would support. Other potential uses were also discussed to include its use to support banquets and outings. The project is currently in the 6-year capital plan.

Ice Rink: The ice rink is open despite warmer than normal weather. The new construction is being completed on schedule and additional work continues.

Golf & Restaurant Building: The future needs of the golf building were discussed. Issues with the restaurant space as well as a lack of locker and golf bag storage were also discussed. It was decided that further information will need to be gathered regarding present and future needs and possible renovation and expansion of this building in the future.

Golf Course: Mr. Toner reported that work on the bunkers had concluded for the season. It was determined that having the reconstruction work performed by in-house golf course personnel was the most cost effective approach to completion of this project. Due to limited funds for this project, the completion of all future work will be done by prioritizing and addressing the bunkers most in need of reconstruction first.

Election of Officers: TBD.

Motion made to adjourn meeting - Dennis Fallon. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerry Post