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SIMSBURY CULTURE, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Bush at 7:30 p.m. Present were Commission members Kelly Kearney, Frank Salls, Harry Ryan, and Joe Grace, and C.P. & R. Director Gerry Toner.

II. Minutes

The March minutes were unanimously approved

III. Simsbury Farms Golf Course – Report and Refund Request

Gerry Toner gave a report on the golf course usage and revenue to date. Play has been off about 20% compared to last year, primarily due to the weather. Bookings for outings have remained strong, and season pass sales are close to last year.

A request for refund was submitted for review by the Commission. After lengthy discussion, the Commission unanimously voted to deny the request for refund.

IV. Summer Programs – Update

Summer program registration is slightly below levels from last year. The full day camps have had a good response, with the one week programs somewhat lower. Pre-season sales of pool passes are about 10% behind last year. There was discussion about the lower registration and most felt that it is economy driven. Gerry will keep the Commission updated on registration process.

V. Simsbury Farms Improvements – Projected Schedule

Gerry distributed the work program and schedule prepared by Mark Hopper of Fletcher-Thompson for the Simsbury Farms Main Building Improvements. The plan showed projected starting dates of August 8 for work on the rink area, and September 7 for work on the remainder of the building.

It is expected that the team room and rink related work will be completed for the opening of the facility on November 1, and that the remainder of work on the main building will be done by May, 2012.

A Request for Qualifications for a golf course consultant is being prepared and will be sent out within the month. It is expected that bunker renovations and related work will begin this fall.

A tour of the new park/golf maintenance facility followed the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerry Toner
Director