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Simsbury Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission  
Youth Sports Sub-Committee, Special Meeting  
Wednesday September 12, 2012  
Town Hall Main Meeting Room

#### MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:10 by Commission member, Kelly Kearney. Also in attendance from the Parks and Recreation Commission were Gerry Wetjen and William Mullen. Previously provided questions were as follows:

1. Safety Questions
  - a. AED's status & plans
  - b. CPR training of coaches/referees
  - c. Background checks of coaches
  - d. certifications required of coaches
  - e. affiliations of organization
  - f. first aid kit requirements
  - g. other best practices followed
  - h. Insurance
2. Coaches
  - a. Coaching guidelines
  - b. background checks
  - c. certifications/licenses
  - d. methods for complaints
  - e. feedback mechanisms for parents
  - f. steps for removal
3. Non Profit Status
  - a. Current status with IRS (if any), guidelines or by laws regarding individuals and profits
4. Organization
  - a. Mission/Vision of the organization
  - b. Strategies
  - c. LT Plans
  - d. Position on facilities use
  - e. shared usage thoughts
  - f. fund raising
5. Other

- a. Each organization's opportunity to address the commission regarding any topic not covered, above, and to share best practices and concerns.

The Simsbury Trojans Youth Football program, represented by Kurt Hallenbeck, presented first, responding to the previously provided questions of the commission. Mr. Hallenbeck reiterated their organization's commitment to the safety of all participants, and presented answers to commission members.

Simsbury Soccer, represented by Tom Hayden and Ben Berger, presented to the commission members next, providing handouts to each member. Members thanked Simsbury Soccer for their generous donation towards emergency replacement of an irrigation pump at Curtiss Park. Beyond the content of the presentation, a discussion regarding AED placement and maintenance occurred. No conclusions were reached.

A.J. Taddio and Christine Giglio were the final presenters of the evening, on behalf of Raiders Youth Football. Mr. Taddio and Ms. Giglio reiterated their appreciation to Simsbury's hard working P & R Director and staff for the great condition of the facilities.

A suggestion was made to consider a yearly "presidents council" where all youth organization presidents could join together with the Parks and Recreation Director for a 1-1.5 hour meeting to share best practices and improve communication. The idea will be discussed at a future commission meeting, after consultation with Director Toner.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm (approximately).