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CULTURE, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 23, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Culture, Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:30 pm in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were Chairman Linda Johnson, Commission Members Dave Bush, Kelly Kearney, Barbara Koff, John Pendergast, and Director of Culture, Parks & Recreation Gerry Toner.

II. MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

Dave Bush made a motion, seconded by Kelly Kearney, and passed unanimously to approve the Culture, Parks & Recreation Minutes of September 23, 2008.

III. SIMSBURY FARMS MEN'S GOLF CLUB PROPOSAL

Gerry Wetjen, from the Men's Golf Club explained the current proposal was one that had been presented in 2004. The Men's Golf Club is proposing to install permanent tee signs on all holes at the golf course.

Director of Culture, Parks & Recreation, Gerry Toner, had sent all CP&R Commission members an e-mail regarding the construction of the tee signs.

Gerry Wetjen distributed to the CP&R members a photo copy of what the tee sign would look like. He explained each tee sign would have an advertising sponsor on it which would generate \$18,000/year in revenue after the initial year. The cost of the signs would be \$15,575.

The advertising contract would be for a period of three years at the cost of \$1,000/year. Gerry Wetjen reported he had 12 signs spoken for to date.

Gerry Wetjen also reported the Men's Club would administer a separate revenue fund for the project.

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CP&R Commission member Barbara Koff wanted to know where the tee signs location would be on each hole. Gerry explained this would be under the direction of Superintendent, Mike Wallace but the location would be visible to all golfers.

It was also asked what the tee signs material would be. Gerry Wetjen explained the 18" X 24" signs are made of a plastic material that looks like granite, each weighing approximately 30 lbs. The company they would use is the preferred supplier of the US Players Clubs.

Gerry Wetjen stated he presented this proposal two weeks ago to the Complex Committee who unanimously endorsed it.

Dave Bush, made a motion, seconded by Barbara Koff, and approved unanimously by the Culture, Parks & Recreation Commission to accept the proposal of the Simsbury Farms Men's Golf Club to further explore and install the tee signs as proposed.

IV. SIMSBURY CELEBRATES! - REPORT

Linda Johnson and Kelly Kearney announced that the Simsbury Celebrates! event now has an independent web-site - simsburycelibrates.com. Tom Tyburski and Kelly Kearney created the site which lists all the information on the event; such as the schedule for the night, locations, donations-to-date, etc.

Linda said donations are currently approximately \$4,000 short of the \$25,000 needed. Volunteers are still needed for the evening.

V. SIMSBURY FARM ACCESS ROAD/PROPOSED
APPLICATION BY ATTILIO CENEVIVA

Gerry Toner gave an update on the access road and stated the project had been approved by the Town Zoning Commission.

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The gravel road will be a one-way for exiting and 18 feet wide. It will be

closed in the winter. Gerry Toner stated if the road were to be paved in the future, an application would need to be filed again with the Town.

In-house construction of this project will start in the next couple of weeks and it will be usable this spring.

Gerry also reported that owner Attilio Cenevivia of the Farms Restaurant is interested in gaining a beer & wine permit and has acquired the paperwork necessary from the State Liquor Commission. It was also explained his contract will be expiring soon.

CP&R members discussed this topic, and Dave Bush made a motion, seconded by John Pendergast, and approved unanimously by the Culture, Parks & Recreation Commission to authorize Gerry Toner or other appropriate Town Representatives to negotiate with the existing vendor at the Golf Course Restaurant for an extension on the contract for next year and/or subsequent years.

Dave Bush made a motion, seconded by Barbara Koff, and approved unanimously by the Culture, Parks & Recreation Commission stating they support the vendor at the Golf Course Restaurant of the application of a beer & wine license for the coming year.

John Pendergast asked Gerry Toner to his knowledge during his years as Director of Culture, Parks & Recreation had there ever been an alcohol related accident stemming from drinking at the Golf Course? Gerry Toner stated there had not been.

VI. ATHLETIC FIELD NEEDS - REPORT

Gerry Toner reported that representatives from soccer and lacrosse had come in to talk about their organizations and their field needs.

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Gerry reported to CP&R Commission members that the soccer organization had engaged an architect who put plans together to put an additional field at Curtis Fields. An application has been applied for with the Town.

Lacrosse has grown very fast in a short period of time. They have used the Henry James fields in the past and are looking for a better location. Two possible locations are being looked at. One is a piece of property at

Ironhorse Blvd. and another location is the triangle area of Barndoor Hills Road.

A brief discussion took place among the CP&R Commission members, and it was agreed that the sports organizations should submit their written policies on volunteer background checks.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Culture, Parks & Recreation Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Lungarini