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Culture, Parks and Recreation

SIMSBURY CULTURE, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2020 6:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

Public Session – Please email comments to tyburski@simsbury-ct.gov by 12pm on Thursday, May 28, 2020 and they will be read into the meeting records.

Minutes – February 2020 meeting

New Business

Simsbury Farms Golf Course Update – John Verrengia, Golf Professional

Parks and Facilities COVID-19 Update – Orlando Casiano, Parks Superintendent

Summer 2020 Camps & Aquatics Program COVID-19 Modifications Update – John Thibeault, Recreation Supervisor and Tom Tyburski, Parks and Recreation Director

Summer events update – Tom Tyburski

Simsbury 350 update – Tom Tyburski

Old Business

Simsbury Farms Sign Project Update – Tom Tyburski

Update on Parks and Open Space Master Plan Process – Tom Tyburski

Adjourn

Staff would like to reschedule next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting to Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:00pm (from June 25, 2020).

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Subject to Vote of Approval – Regular Meeting Minutes – **Thursday, February 27, 2020** – 2 pages

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by David Bush, Chairman, in the Main Meeting Room of Town Hall. Other commission members who were present included Gerry Wetjen, Rachel Wellman, Sarah Cramer, Gina Morgan, and Lori Coppinger. The C. P. & R. Director, Tom Tyburski, and Board of Selectman Liaison, Chris Peterson, were also in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

No changes were made to the January 23, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes. Mr. Bush declared the minutes approved and requested that they be put on record

Public Session

None.

New Business

Simsbury Farms Rink Report- Mr. Tyburski reported that starting the season almost three weeks late set the season back, however, by April they will be able to see a more accurate number of where they are at, it should be closer to the 2018 number of around \$206K. The Town is reimbursing the Parks and Recreation Revenue Fund out of the Town's General Fund for the ice rink boiler. The plan is to replace the rink control system this year and then next year they will submit for the chiller. This summer the fencing along the rink will be rebuilt. March 7, 2020 is the last scheduled day the rink will be open.

Simsbury Farms Golf Course Winter Projects Update. Mr. Tyburski updated the commission on winter cleaning and repair work done at the golf clubhouse and golf course. The course could potentially be open for play the second weekend in March and they are trying to get the driving range open next week.

Summer 2020 Programs Update. Mr. Tyburski provided a highlight on new Summer 2020 Camp Programs. A volleyball camp, ping pong camp, a circuit lab camp and food explorers summer camp will be added in addition to the other camps. They are in the process of trying to put together a summer program guide.

Old Business

Simsbury Farms Sign Project Update. Mr. Tyburski reported that Adams Ahern took the recommendations from the zoning commission and came up with a revised sign plan. Mr. Tyburski stated that they do not anticipate any more comment on it from the planning department as it is on Mike Glidden's desk for approval. Mr. Bush expressed his thanks to Mr. Tyburski, Mr. Kearney and everyone involved and said the new sign plan will be very nice and helpful.

Update on Parks and Open Space Master Plan Process. Mr. Tyburski shared that all the feedback will be turned into the consultants next week. April 27, 2020 is the presentation to the Board of Selectmen. The constructive criticism so far has been in regards to the disposition of open space parcels. The feedback has been that it needs to be phrased differently or intent needs to be clarified. Mr. Tyburski stated that there were a few questions about Memorial Pool, the bathhouse and pool are in need of a lot of repairs. The town in the near future is going to have to make a decision on the viability of the pool in consideration of the estimated repairs to keep it operating long term. The idea of a splash pad in place of the pool was discussed as it is near the center of

town, has parking, and all the facilities needed. Playground renovations were discussed and Mr. Bush shared his sentiments that Mr. Tyburski does a nice job of prioritizing and doing the work in logical steps, he also urged the commission to get any other questions or comments to Mr. Tyburski as March 10th is the last meeting of the subgroup before the presentation to the Board of Selectmen on April 27, 2020.

Update on Town Budget Process. Mr. Tyburski provided the commission with the PowerPoint slides from the Town's Manager's budget presentation to the Board of Selectmen. If the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance find that there is room to add items to the budget, the new position to C.P.R. would be the second prioritized item to add. C.P.R. Maintenance Staff was at ten staff members, went down to seven and the Board of Education is now paying for two positions, so there are currently nine members. The position proposed is a Parks Facility Maintenance Technician. Also included in the Board of Selectmen initiatives for C.P.R. is a 30K increase to the tree maintenance budget, a 20K increase in General Fund contribution to the Parks and Recreation Special Revenue Fund to build up the town's contribution to cover community use and facilities expenditures currently being subsidized by program participant fees and a 5K reallocation of funds to support parks and recreation community programming and events. Mr. Tyburski reported that they submitted a list of fourteen projects for this year but the Town Manager is proposing to move eleven forward. Mr. Petersen encouraged the commission to show their support for Mr. Tyburski and the Culture, Parks and Recreation Department during the budget presentation and said that the narrative does help very often.

Adjourn

Ms. Coppinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Morgan seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of the C. P. & R. Commission will be March 26, 2020 at 6 p.m. at Simsbury Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Taylor, Commission Clerk

