

TOWN OF SIMSBURY – CULTURE, PARKS, AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Subject to Vote of Approval – Regular Meeting Minutes – **Thursday, October 26, 2023** – 2 pages

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by David Bush, Chairman at Simsbury Town Hall. Other commission members who were present included Liz Keppel, Christine Boswell, Michelle Lipar, and Erik Petersen. The C. P. & R. Director, Tom Tyburski and Board of Selectman Liaison, Chris Petersen were also in attendance.

Public Session – Comments limited to 3 minutes per person. Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission

No comments.

Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission Member Comments

No comments.

Minutes- September 28, 2023 Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission

Mr. Bush declared the September 28, 2023 minutes approved and requested that they be put on record.

New Business

FY 2025 Capital and CNR Budget Planning – Mr. Tyburski shared that the Interim Town Manager and Board of Finance have been working to make changes to the Town's budget process. He stated that they typically present a 6 year CNR and Capital Improvement Plan, however, this year they have asked them to come up with a 12 year plan. While this is normally done in December/January, they are now working on it in September/October this year. Mr. Tyburski shared that they have also formed a Capital Review Committee with members from various Town Departments. They are currently working on a plan to submit to the Town Manager for review. For next year's budget they have included: continued upgrades to various playgrounds, park sign replacements, greenway work, irrigation replacement, dump truck replacement, Simsbury Farms Apple Barn roof and carpets, Memorial Park field mower, pickup truck replacement, ice rink edger, small parks mower, cart path paving, rebuilding tee #13, golf course drainage projects and a Simsbury Farms golf course rough mower.

Recent security upgrades at Simsbury Farms Golf Course – Mr. Tyburski shared that there were some thefts at Simsbury Farms Golf Course over the spring and summer. They had three new security cameras installed in July and within days they caught a theft on camera, and a suspect was later arrested. There are signs posted that this area is under surveillance.

Multi-Use Trail Update – Mr. Tyburski shared that last winter they replaced fencing on the south end of the trail from Canal Way to Latimer Lane and then to the commuter lot by Mitchell Auto. This summer they have been working on the area of the trail from the commuter lot to Ensign Bickford. They had a company come in and install all new fence poles in and replace some of the panels. They are expecting the Tariffville to Bloomfield trail work to be complete by November 1st and are looking at a possible ribbon cutting for this project on 11/17. The next major trail project will be the trail from Route 10 to Curtiss Park. The current design is under review with possible construction starting in 2025.

Old Business

Friends of Simsbury Farms Golf Tournament Update –Mr. Bush shared that did have to cancel the original date due to terrible weather, however they maintained over 120 golfers on the makeup date of Oct. 13. They are still working on the final numbers, however, he estimates that the Friends of Simsbury Farms may net about \$25k on this year's fundraising event.

Simsbury Celebrates Update – Mr. Tyburski shared that Simsbury Celebrates will be held Saturday, November 25th. They are looking for volunteers. He stated that all events are booked, food vendors are in place, and that fundraising efforts are still ongoing. Last year close to 20k people attended.

Simsbury Farms Playground Update – Mr. Tyburski shared that construction of the playground has started, the playground for ages 2-5 is put together except for the rubber safety surfacing underneath. The crew has started work on the larger playground today and they are thinking another week or two until it is finished. They also have some concrete work to do and also to put in wood chips and rubber mat safety surfacing. They have painted the old archway yellow, painted the pavilion blue and green and picnic tables are all different colors. They have also purchased letters for archway that will spell out "Simsbury Farms Playground".

AEDs at Recreation Facilities Update – Mr. Tyburski shared the new AED is not yet installed but they are hoping to have it in at Simsbury Farms in the next couple of weeks. The Simsbury Soccer Club has also agreed to purchase one for Curtiss Park. Over the winter the Town intends to put one at Rotary Park as well. Ms. Keppel suggested that many people that frequent the facility and are invested should be trained to use the AEDs. Mr. Peterson suggested having the volunteer ambulance host a training at their facility.

Adjourn

Ms. Keppel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lipar seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of the C. P. & R. Commission will be Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Taylor,
Commission Clerk