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**REGULAR MEETING
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT COMMISSION
MINUTES
CITY HALL – 155 DEER HILL AVENUE
City Council Chambers
Wednesday, February 22, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Bernard Gallo called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Present by roll call were Elizabeth Falk, Tom Giegler, Alex Wolk, and Geoff Herald. Absent were: Mary Cronin, Mark Massoud, and Matt Rose. Staff present: Abby Lewis, Public Health Inspector, and Mary Larkin, Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Geoff Herald.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: February 8, 2023

Motion to accept the Minutes of February 8, 2023 was made by Geoff Herald; seconded by Tom Giegler. All in favor by those eligible to vote: Elizabeth Falk, Tom Giegler, Geoff Herald, and Bernard Gallo.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for **March 8, 2023**

NEW BUSINESS:

#1187 100 Aunt Hack Road, City of Danbury, Richter Park Golf Course, Robert Dorsch, (C11047), RA-80 Zone, turf erosion control

Rob Dorsch, Golf Course Superintendent from Richter Park Golf Course appeared on behalf of this application. On the eighth green there has been erosion – bank of rough eroding into the retention pond so they built a rock wall to alleviate and prevent erosion. Mr. Dorsch acknowledged he submitted the forms to the State and has had contact with David Day, Superintendent of Public Works. Erosion mats will be in place and nothing will go into the water. They are looking to maintain the integrity of the property. Commissioner Geoff Herald

asked about the creation of the pond. Mr. Dorsch said the retention pond accommodates the water from Lindencrest, Cedar Crest, Elmcrest, etc. and has always been there. In his 17 years at Richter Park, the retention pond has never overflowed into the reservoir. Chairman Gallo asked Public Health Inspector Abby Lewis if she had any questions, which she did. Ms. Lewis asked about the permeability of the wall. Mr. Dorsch explained there are no drains except for one that comes from Lindencrest, which is old and connects. Nothing comes from the putting surface. The base is the natural base with stones and mortar and was capped. Mr. Dorsch said the work is being done by a contractor, not employees of Richter Park when asked by Ms. Lewis. Ms. Lewis asked if the contractor provided a plan, and Mr. Dorsch said they (Richter Park staff) verbally explained what was required. They will sod everything.

Mr. Dorsch said further projects will require permits. He expects this project to need approximately seven more days. Mr. Giegler asked why plywood was put down. Mr. Dorsch explained it was done to protect the putting surface. He also stated all the debris from construction had been pulled out of the retention pond.

Chairman Bernard Gallo suggested an Administrative Approval. Geoff Herald made a motion for Administrative Approval; Tom Giegler seconded. There were no remarks. All in favor with Ayes from Elizabeth Falk, Tom Giegler, Alex Wolk, Geoff Herald, and Bernard Gallo.

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: A public hearing will commence on March 22, 2023. No testimony will be heard until that time.

#1185 30 & 34 Main, The Legacy on Main, (I15254 & I 15335), C-CBD Zone, Tower Investment Group LLP, Thomas Beecher, Esq. Agent, proposed renovation.

APPLICATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ACTIONS: None

VIOLATIONS: Barnum Road, Danbury, CT - Cease & Desist

Mr. Gallo asked if everyone had read the draft of the remediation plan. This will be addressed on March 8, 2023. Mr. Gallo said if anyone has suggestions to please let him know. He further stated measuring has to be done. Commissioner Elizabeth Falk suggested that the plantings be native plants. Mr. Gallo suggested 30 days from approval to complete the remediation depending on weather. He asked everyone to review the suggested plan and let him know their thoughts before the next meeting.

OTHER MATTERS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Alex Wolk; seconded by Tom Giegler. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary S. Larkin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mary S. Larkin
Recording Secretary