

RICHTER PARK AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING,
September 15, 2009

Chairman Bob Eberhard opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Members present: Al Mead, Leroy Diggs, Jean DaSilva, Len Cagianello, John Priola, Chris Marano, Jim Blansfield, Bob Eberhard. Felix Bonacci was asked to sit in for the vacancy on the authority. Frank Russo was absent.

Also present: Maria Sanyshyn, general manager, Rob Dorsch, grounds and greens superintendent and Ralph Salito, golf pro.

Chairman's report

- **Public participation**

none

- **Approve minutes of previous meeting**

Al Mead made a motion, seconded by Chris Marano, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 25, and the special meeting held on September 8. Several changes were made to the minutes of August 25:

1. Jim Blansfield was present
2. Under manager's report the following two motions were omitted:

A motion, relating to the Danbury Amateur Tournament, was made by Jim Blansfield, seconded by John Priola, to follow up on distribution of gifts to be sure that all who should get gifts get them.

A motion was made by Chris Marano, seconded by John Priola, to keep the fee system for the high schools the same as last year.

Under executive session, the minutes of the September 8 meeting were amended to include the statement, "Tracey Kydes was also invited to address the authority."

Motion passed unanimously.

- **Comments/reports**

Chairman Eberhard emphasized that public participation will be only at the public participation section of the meeting. No dialog will be allowed during the remainder of the meeting.

Motions must be made and seconded before authority discussion takes place.

- **Correspondence**

none

Financial report

Treasurer's report is delayed until next week

Arts association report(See attached report)

Grounds and greens report

The following topics were discussed

- Fall aeration
- Mismarking on the 13th hole.
- Prices for cart paths
- Changing choice of civil engineer to advise on the new 10th hole and maintenance building

Al Mead made a motion, seconded by John Priola to rescind the motion which gave Rob Dorsch permission to hire Steve Trinkhaus and hire CCA Engineering to advise Rob regarding environmental impact of the changes. Motion passed unanimously.

Richter house report

The following topics were discussed:

- New preliminary construction costs
- Selection of FOrE commissioners
- Grant writer for the house
- Delay in reporting historical significance of the house
- Deadline and resources for matching grant from state
- Importance of organizing for funding of projects

Chairman Eberhard appointed a committee comprised of Jim Blansfield, Al Mead, Leroy Diggs, and Chris Marano to meet with Mayor Boughton and bring him up to date on the facts relating to the House needs assessment. The committee will report on results at the next authority meeting.

Manager's report(see attached report)

A motion was made by Chris Marano, seconded by Len Cagianello, to set up an investment plan for the master plan money which is currently in a savings account.

After discussion, Chris made a motion to withdraw the original motion. Len seconded the motion.

Old business

none

New business

Jim Blansfield made a motion, seconded by Al Mead, to administer a survey to evaluate the operations and experiences at Richter Park.

Motion passed. John Priola abstained.

Jim Blansfield, Chris Marano and Jean DaSilva were appointed to the Survey Committee.

Executive session

At 8:26 Al Mead made a motion, seconded by Felix Bonacci, to go into executive session to discuss personnel.

Executive session ended at 9:45. John Priola made a motion, seconded by Chris Marano, to send a letter to Ralph Salito providing Mr. Salito 90 days of written notice of non-renewal of contract. Included in the letter will be the intent of the authority to renegotiate the contract.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Al Mead, seconded by Chris Marano.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50

Next meeting is October 20 at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean DaSilva, secretary

Richter Park Authority Meeting September 15, 2009 Managers Report

In **August** we sold 5 Senior Passes and 60 Resident ID cards. 8 of the ID's were new residents to the Danbury area and were given passes at the \$25 rate.

Round Summary

Total rounds for August are 7,154 up 84 rounds from last year (vs. 7,070 rounds in '08.) This number includes the 544 AJGA rounds played throughout the tournament and 140 Fran McCarthy rounds. Total Rounds through July are 31,691. To date we have just under 35,000 rounds. Weather permitting; we are on track to do 45,000 rounds in '09.

Category	'09	'08
Resident	1730	1771
Senior	259	171
Junior Resident	123	72
Non-Resident	2163	2072
Pass Rounds Resident	450	1235
Pass Rounds Senior	560	
Pass Rounds Junior	179	
Pass Rounds Non Res	85	
Golf Team	-	
League	212	72
Tournament*	993	1364
Misc (Employee/Comp/EZ)	400	313
TOTAL ROUNDS	7,154	7,070

*includes AJGA and Fran McCarthy rounds

Note: We did not track TYPE of pass round in 2008 so we will only have comparative data based upon the TOTAL pass rounds in 2009.

FRAN McCARTHY

By every account, the Fran McCarthy Junior Tournament was a great success. A big thank you to both Ralph and Kevin for organizing all those kids! In my opinion the move from July to August helped to generate the numbers we did.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND

In three combined accounts – Richter House, Capital Improvements and Master Plan we have approximately \$70,000. It is currently in an interest bearing savings account. If you would like me to consider investing these funds more aggressively, we will need to pass a resolution to enable me to do so. The resolution will be drawn up by the bank and presented for Authority approval. \$75,000 in this account at year end could be used for cart path replacement with your blessing!

RICHTER ARTS LIAISON REPORT for SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 RPA MEETING

We have had three presentations so far this fall. The first was by Bruce Tibbetts, guitar player. Next Alan Raph and the Danbury Brass Band gave an outdoor concert. Last Sunday Wayne Maddox presented the Richter Arts Association Antique Road Show. It was very informative and most interesting. We raised over \$300.00 and plan to put most of it in the house restoration fund.

Many people have asked about the progress being made relating to the Richter house. I tell them about the needs assessment and then I wonder about getting started. The mayor has promised \$50,000.00. What will happen to that money? Are we still planning to use it for a matching grant from the state? Should we ask to use it now instead? Should we begin with the roof? How many years can we wait with nothing being done to stop deterioration?

