

RICHTER PARK AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
RICHTER PARK OFFICE
TUESDAY, May 17, 2011–6PM

In compliance with Connecticut General Statute § 1-225, these minutes are being provided for informational purposes and are subject to approval of the Richter Park Authority Board of Directors at its next regular meeting.

Chairman Bob Eberhard opened the meeting at 6 PM.

Members present: Leroy Diggs, Jean DaSilva, Len Cagianello, John Priola, Bob Eberhard, Chris Marano, Al Mead and George Radachowsky.

Alternates Felix Bonacci and Frank Russo. Mr. Bonacci was asked to sit in for the vacancy on the authority board.

Also present: Maria Sanyshyn, General Manager, Rob Dorsch, Grounds and Greens Superintendent, Karen Madaus, Assistant General Manager, Scott Ward, Director of Golf, and Brian Gehan, Golf Pro.

- **Chairman's report**

- **Public participation**

Harry Kuhn, 7 Fillmore Ave, spoke of his concern over the possible theft of copper gutters being installed at the house.

- **Approve minutes of previous meeting**

Mr. Diggs made a motion to accept the minutes of April 19, 2011 as amended.

In favor: Diggs, DaSilva, Cagianello, Marano, Mead, Radachowsky, Bonacci.

Abstention: Priola. Motion passed.

Mr. Mead made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2011 special meeting, as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Comments/reports**

- The chair appoints committees. Notify the chair if vacancies occur.
- All meetings should be posted at least 24 hours in advance of a meeting.
- Correspondence will not be read if unsigned.
- The general manager is accountable to the authority. Any requests from the general public should go through the authority.
- If there are issues that need attention, Richter Park clubs should designate one person to handle the issue.
- Unnecessary interruptions of the general manager's time should be avoided.

- **Correspondence**

- Larry Matthew: request for information under FOI
- Jim Storck, Danbury Building Official: request to MAR for further information on the shed
- State of CT: results of bid for Richter House roof

Arts Association report

No motions made

Richter house report

- Roof replacement

The bid process has been approved. Custom Modular Industries of New Fairfield with a bid of \$92,600.00 was chosen.

Director of Golf/Golf Professional

No motions made.

FORe Report

No motions made.

Grounds and Greens

- After discussion of water usage, Mr. Mead made a motion to place meters on the faucets and dishwasher in the restaurant. Motion passed unanimously.
- Drainage of greens has become a priority. After discussion Mr. Mead made a motion to authorize the superintendent to begin installing drainage, through an independent contractor, on 6, 12, and 14 greens.

In favor: Bonacci, Diggs, Cagianello, Radachowsky, Priola, DaSilva, Mead.

Opposed: Marano. Motion carried.

It was brought to the attention of the authority that plugs were being removed from greens.

Mrs. Marano made a motion to waive public participation rules to allow Larry Matthew to speak to the removal of plugs from greens.

In favor: Bonacci, Diggs, Marano, Radachowsky, DaSilva, Mead

Opposed: Cagianello, Priola. Motion carried.

Mr. Matthew said the he had removed a plug from the 6th green. While there was a discussion between the superintendent and Mr. Matthew previous to this meeting, Mr. Matthew admitted to returning to the course on subsequent occasions. He indicated he would not do it again.

Financial report

- Mr. Mead made a motion to accept the financial report and have it placed on file. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Priola made a motion to move \$89,000.00 from the Master Plan account to pay down the Line of Credit to partially pay for cart path renovation done in 2010. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Priola made a motion to transfer \$11,731.13 from the Richter House Restoration Fund to pay down the Line of Credit to cover the Architectural fees which were paid in 2010 and 2011. These funds will be replaced as soon as they become available. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Marano made a motion to change the agenda order so the MAR could present its plans without any further delay. Motion passed unanimously.

Musicals at Richter—2011 season

Approval proceedings are underway and should be obtained soon.

Manager's report

No motions made.

Old Business

- Musicals at Richter—2011 season

Covered above

- Survey

The survey is being revamped and will be discussed at the August meeting.

- Email addresses
- Taping of minutes

Tabled until next meeting

New business

- Unauthorized use of golf course

After discussion Mr. Priola made a motion to authorize the general manager to send a letter to people who are on the course without paying warning them that, if they are caught again, they will be suspended for 60 days. Motion passed unanimously.

- Military rate

Mr. Mead made a motion that Richter Park provide complimentary greens fees to active members of the armed services. Motion passed unanimously.

- Financial committee

Mr. Mead made a motion that the chair name a financial committee to look in depth at the long - term and short term financial picture of Richter Park Authority. Motion to adopt committee tabled until next meeting

Executive session

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Jean T. DaSilva

Recording secretary