

RICHTER PARK AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
RICHTER PARK OFFICE
TUESDAY, September 20, 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.

Vice Chairman Len Cagianello (in place of Bob Eberhard) opened the meeting at 6:03PM.

Members present: Leroy Diggs, Len Cagianello, John Priola, Chris Marano, George Radachowsky, Bill Totten, Felix Bonacci (filled the vacancy) and Frank Russo (in place of Jean DaSilva).

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

Chairman's report

- **Public participation**

Al Mead, 23 Jefferson Avenue – gave an update on Friends of Richter Park

- **Approve minutes of previous meeting**

Ms. Marano made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 16, 2011 RPA meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Priola made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 6, 2011 Special meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments/reports

None

Correspondence

None

Arts association report

None.

Richter house report

Roof replacement is complete. MAR rent has been received. RPGC staff has been cleaning the house and dehumidifier is effective.

Director of Golf/Golf Professional

Golf ball diver gave a check to Scott for balls collected. Scott reported that he did not believe he was entitled to these funds and passed it on to the RPA. Lessons are going well despite rain.

Grounds and Greens

Scheduled aerification during the first week of November. According to CSGA, bent grass plan going well. Drainage work will begin mid-October. There was 18.7" of rain in August and 8.4" in September so far.

Finance Committee Recommendations

- Insurance representative gave presentation on insurance options and answered questions regarding possible insurance plans for employees. Mr. Totten made a motion to accept the proposed Anthem BCBS plan, with 25% employee contribution and RPA to self-insure hospital deductible, with the plans effective date of 10/1/11. Ayes: Cagianello, Diggs, Radachowsky, Priola, Totten, Bonacci and Russo. Nays: Marano. Motion passed.
- Mr. Totten made a motion to accept the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from 8/25/11. Motion passed unanimously.

Manager's report

- Between 8/2/11 and 9/8/11 there were 17 days of rain and Richter was partially or completely closed eight of those days. Weather has caused a significant loss of revenue compared to 2010.
- Raffle Tickets are selling and deadline is October 18, 2011. Glen Nanavaty has agreed to audit the raffle.
- Rounds are down 6,000 through August.
- Family & Children's Aid is dedicating a room to Richter Park and would like a presentation of the check (from the Danbury Amateur) and the room dedication to be at the same time; October date TBD.
- Patriot Golf Day raised over \$1800 for Folds of Honor. Special thanks to Sam Jacobellis for all of his hard work.
- Accumulation of water due to latest storm led to problem with pump and new cable is needed. We are waiting for an estimate; excavating will be done in-house.

Old business

None

New business

- Tournament Committee received a letter about a SNEWGA 2012 event proposal. Ms. Marano made a motion to allow a Wednesday afternoon event at 2012 resident rates. Motion passed unanimously.
- Tournament Committee received a letter from the Men's Club requesting an addition date on Sunday, October 23, 2011 due to this season's poor weather conditions during their events. Ms. Marano made a motion to approve their request. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:00pm, Ms. Marano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill Totten
RPA Board Member