

RICHTER PARK AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
RICHTER PARK OFFICE
TUESDAY October 16, 2012, 6:30 PM

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 6:30 PM.

Members present: Leroy Diggs, Jean DaSilva, Len Cagianello, John Priola, Bob Eberhard, George Radachowsky, Bill Totten and Al Mead. Alternate Felix Bonacci sat in for the vacancy on the board.

Also present: Rob Dorsch, Grounds and Greens Superintendent, Karen Madaus, Business Manager, Scott Ward, Golf Director, Brian Gehan, Head Golf Professional/Outside Operations Manager.

Chairman's report

- **Public participation**

Susan Roberts, 6 Killian Dr, regarding the roof and gutters and pantry ceiling at the house.

Jane Mathew, 5 Nabby Rd., regarding next year's par pass and thanks to staff for helping to make a successful season.

- **Approve minutes of previous meeting**

Mr. Mead made a motion to accept the minutes for September 18, 2012 as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Correspondence**

Thank you from Nicholas Hoffman, Family and Children's Aid, for the contribution made from the Danbury Amateur Tournament.

Response from Wayne Shepard regarding seasonal stop signs to be used for controlling speed on the road near the golf crosswalk.

Arts association report

Fall season is ending.

Musicals at Richter

Planning the new season is in progress.

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Raffle tickets are now on sale.

Business Manager's Report

Drawing of the winning raffle ticket will be at the November 13th RPA meeting.

Head Golf Professional/Operations Report

Over 41,000 rounds have been played to date. All the clubs at Richter had successful seasons.

CSGA has requested that Richter Park host a qualifying round for the Connecticut Open in 2013.

Director of Golf

More effort needs to be made in selling raffle tickets. Next year the selling period will be longer. Golf shop will remain open through Thanksgiving.

Grounds and Greens

A report from the Grounds and Greens committee was presented. Recommendations were made for improving Richter Park.

Mr. Priola made a motion to approve the 5 items for \$304,000, recommended by the Grounds and Greens committee, using funding from the Newtown Savings Loan with the balance to come from the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dorsch continued with plans for the house. Gutter clips will be ordered and installed. Trees will be pruned. Gutters will be cleaned. Pantry and front entry will be improved.

Aeration of greens is forthcoming;

Work will begin on holes 12 and 16 to improve tee boxes as recommended by the Grounds and Greens committee. Drainage on hole 10 will be improved.

Financial report

Financial conditions continue to improve monthly. Mr. Mead made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and place it on file. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Report

Medical program change is complete.

Mr. Diggs made a motion that the superintendent be given authority to offer severance up to 3 months salary if there is a decision to make staff changes in the golf course maintenance organization. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Comments/Reports

Chairman is upset with lack of repair by golfers of ball marks on greens and raking of bunkers.

Old business

a. Follow-up on Cell Tower status

A complete title search is necessary in order to answer legal questions that have arisen.

b. Superintendent Contract Committee report

Mr. Priola made a motion to discuss this topic in executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

New business

a. Bob Rogers would like to be named Pro Emeritus
Mr. Mead requested this move and made a motion to name Bob Rogers Pro Emeritus. Motion passed unanimously.

b. RPLGC Par Pass Request

This will be taken up during budget time.

Executive Session

Executive session began at 7:49 and ended at 8:06

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

Jean T. DaSilva

Recording secretary