

RICHTER PARK AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

RICHTER PARK OFFICE

TUESDAY, February 15, 2011—6:00PM

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 6:00 PM.

Members present: Leroy Diggs, Jean DaSilva, Len Cagianello, John Priola, Bob Eberhard and Al Mead. Frank Russo sat in for a board vacancy.

Felix Bonacci and Chris Marano were absent.

Also present: Maria Sanyshyn, General Manager, Karen Madaus, Assistant General Manager. Rob Dorsch, Superintendant, was absent.

Chairman's report

- **Public participation**

William Hajj 130A Shelter Rock Road—disappointed in resignation of Golf Pro and critical of financial management by RPA

Gary Lehman 27 Crow's Nest Lane 4B— requested change in Men's Club championship format for seniors

Ed McNally 7 Centennial Drive—appreciates improvement in service

Joan Mead 23 Jefferson Avenue— disapproval of RPA's decisions over the last several years regarding rates, salaries, organizational structure and use of facility by tenants

Henry Moy 10 Ridge Road— supported recent changes in course administration and management

Joe Pepin 20 Beechwood Drive— suggested finding financial support for improvements and expressed appreciation on behalf of seniors rates and accomodations

Jackie Chan 6 Pondcrest Drive— pleased with management, in particular changes made to benefit all golfers

Wendy Grispin 6 Pondcrest Drive— supportive of rates and management

Peter Walz 51 Kingswood Road— supported course conditions and RPA management of park

Nick Hoffman 28 Rose Lane— thanked the RPA for giving back to the community in support of FCA

Veronica Ron 27 Heritage Drive— pleased with the positive change in attitude at Richter Park making her feel more welcome

- **Approve minutes of previous meeting**

Mr. Mead made a motion to accept minutes of January 20 and that they are placed on file. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Comments/reports**

Committee meetings should be clearly posted. Other members of the authority may attend. Terms of participation are left to the discretion of the committee chairperson. Only committee members may vote.

- **Correspondence**

Letter to Mayor Boughton regarding a cell tower

Letter to Tracey Kydes regarding salting walkways

Letter of resignation from Ralph Salito

Letter to Ralph Salito regarding resignation and personnel matters

Letter from Susan Evans-Jones, Esq. regarding CHRO claim

Email from William Hajj regarding dissatisfaction with RPA

A motion was made by Mr. Diggs to grant permission for Mr. Priola to reply to claims made in the email from Mr. Hajj. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Priola responded to each claim, clarifying actual facts from personal opinion.

Financial report

Mr. Cagianello made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and place it on file for audit. Motion passed unanimously.

Arts association report-

No motions

Grounds and greens report

No motions

Manager's report

No motions

Richter house report

A new bidding process has begun for the roof replacement.

Mr. Priola made a motion that a letter be sent to Musicals at Richter that a resolution regarding the stage wall be reached by the RPA March meeting or it will be removed at their cost as per the Danbury Building Department.

Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Tournament Committee

Mr. Mead made a motion to reconsider the vote requiring that all club championship tournaments be medal play. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mead made a motion that the Senior Club championship be allowed to play a mixed format of medal and match play with a maximum of 2 foursomes. Only the seniors (aged 60+) will play 3 rounds of match play with the final round being medal play. Motion passed unanimously.

- Cell Tower

Request of Common Council approval, referred to Ad Hoc committee.

New business

- Replacement of clubhouse HVAC system

Mr. Mead made a motion to make needed repairs of the system. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2011 Audit Contract

Mr. Mead made a motion to accept the contract from Nanavaty, Nanavaty & Davenport to perform the audit of the 2010 financials for the fee of \$6,300. Motion passed unanimously.

- Job Description and Search—Director of Golf

Mr. Priola made a motion to establish a committee to conduct a search for a new director of golf. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Priola made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the settlement of a lawsuit. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive session

Executive session began at 7:50 and ended at 8:00.

Mr. Priola made a motion that the Richter Park Authority hereby grant global consent to Philadelphia Insurance Company so that they may attempt to settle the claim made by Mary Susan Keyser-Wesley against Stanley Lasker Richter Memorial Park Authority which is currently pending with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO). Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011.

Jean T. DaSilva, recording secretary