

# RICHTER PARK AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

## RICHTER PARK OFFICE

Wednesday June 20, 2012, 6:30 PM

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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. Felix Bonacci sat in for the vacancy on the board.

Alternates Felix Bonacci and Frank Russo.

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

Jane Mathew, 5 Nabby Rd., thanked RPA staff for assistance during SNEWGA tournament.

Joan Mead, 23 Jefferson Ave, asked that RPA consider providing public access to documents used at meetings.

- Approve minutes of previous meeting

Mr. Mead made a motion to accept the minutes of May15.

Ayes: Bonacci, Diggs, Cagianello, Radachowsky, Mead, Totten, DaSilva.

Abstention: Priola. Motion passed.

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- **Comments/reports**

The chairman requested that MAR provide a certificate of insurance for their new trolley.

- **Correspondence**

An online request was made to provide the discount given to active military personnel to anyone who has served in the military. No action was taken.

**Arts association report-**

The ceiling and walls of the salon will be repaired in-house.

Mr. Cagianello made a motion to follow up termite inspection of 2008 with a termite control renewal program. Motion passed unanimously.

**Musicals at Richter**

No report

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The breakfast was successful. It netted over \$10,000. A portion of this amount will be donated to the RPA general fund. Plans for next year's breakfast are under way. A raffle for this season is being planned.

**Business Manager's Report**

The Danbury Amateur Tournament planning is in full swing. Sponsorships are being sought. Volunteers are needed.

Outings for 2012 have exceeded expectations.

**Head Golf Professional/Operations Report**

17,800 rounds of golf have been played through 6/20/12.

The year is off to a strong start. A Boston Globe article named Richter Park as one of the top ten courses in New England. ESPN featured Richter Park in one of its segments.

### **Director of Golf**

New merchandising for events at the golf course has been a feature.

### **Grounds and Greens**

Septic system is almost done.

### **Financial report**

Richter is \$204,000.00 ahead of 2011. A debt payment to the city has been made in accordance with a motion made at an earlier meeting.

### **Old business**

#### **a. Cell Tower Update**

Corporation counsel will be notified about a waiver of restrictions regarding a cell tower. Anne Williams, as next of kin, will be contacted to recall the restriction.

### **New business**

#### **a. Discussion of change of rules regarding public speaking at regular Authority meeting and action if necessary**

Mr. Priola made a motion to change the policy for public speaking at an authority meeting. Speakers may speak only to items on the agenda.

Ayes: Priola, Cagianello, Radachowsky, Totten

Nays: Mead, DaSilva, Bonacci, Diggs

Mr. Eberhard voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **b. Discussion of insurance proposal for Richter Park and action if necessary.**

Mr. Priola made a motion to accept the presented insurance proposal

subject to downward movement of premiums. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Totten made a motion to add a finance committee report to the agenda.

Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Diggs, chairman, reviewed the meeting. The year 2012 was reviewed. Areas significant in cost to the authority will be examined. Items taken action on with positive results will be continued. Revenue, expense, cost structure will be examined. The committee will meet on the second Tuesday of the month. Recommendations will be made to the authority.

**c. Discussion of parking issues.**

There has been a disregard of signs in the parking lot. Mr. Gehan has been given the responsibility to place new signs warning motorists of penalties for ignoring signs.

**Executive session**

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Jean T. DaSilva

Recording secretary