

**RICHTER PARK AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES**  
**Richter Park Authority Office**  
**Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 6:00 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 Pete Siecienski opened the meeting at 6:01 PM.

Members present: George Radachowsky, John Priola, Leroy Diggs, Al Mead, Bob Eberhard, Judy Griemsmann, Dave Lajoie and Paul DiNardo.

Also present: Jonathan Pinto, Head Golf Professional, Rob Dorsch, Golf Course Superintendent and Bobby Bria, Musicals at Richter.

**Public participation**

None.

**Approve minutes of previous meetings**

Mr. Mead made a motion to approve the minutes from the June RPA meeting. Mr. Radachowsky seconded. Mr. Eberhard abstained. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Correspondence**

Jim Sarath sent in an email to the RPA which was complimentary of the Danbury Amateur.

**Arts Association**

None.

**Musicals at Richter**

The Sound of Music opens on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The fundraising benefit was fantastic and raised \$17,000. MAR is applying for a CT Investment fund grant.

**MPC-Richter House**

There is a meeting at 5:00pm tomorrow to discuss the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for help in preparation from the RPA. Mr. Mead would like to Chair the Committee. The Opening Ceremony will start with the walkway dedication. Possible helicopter ball drop on the driving range. There should be activities for each area of Richter Park.

**FORe**

The next major activity will be the Fundraising Breakfast in October. The new signage at Richter Park will cost approximately \$8,400. Jim Blansfield will donate the wood and Vision Designs will print and paint. Mr. Mead made a motion to approve the FORe recommendation for the sign. Mr. DiNardo seconded. **Motion passed**

**unanimously.** Mr. DiNardo suggested that Ms. Madaus work with Russ Griemsmann on the FOrE Facebook page.

### **Business Manager's Report**

The Danbury Amateur was very successful. Working with John Kleinhans to get the City's website updated with 2022 agendas and minutes for the RPA.

### **Head Golf Professional**

We had 7,094 rounds in June, which was a good month. The total for the year so far is 17,000 rounds (vs. 20,000 in 2021). July has been great so far. We had the first rain in a while yesterday. We've had over 200 rounds daily since mid-June.

The Danbury Amateur was a success and the pace of play was great. It was capped at 140 this year. Mr. Mead asked about Super Senior gold tees next year, which Mr. Pinto said is possible.

### **Grounds and Greens**

Friday, Connecticut hit Stage 2 drought status, and will probably get to Stage 3 this week. Irrigation supplements but doesn't replace rain. Mr. DiNardo talked about the tee leveling warranty. Mr. Dorsch is having them come back to fix four identified areas after Labor Day.

### **Financial report**

Mr. Priola stated that the current numbers are identical to what they were in 2021. Mr. Mead made a motion to place the financial report on file. Mr. Eberhard seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Finance Committee Report**

Mr. Diggs stated that the Committee is working on electric rates (which renew in November).

### **Old business**

The steam boiler in the Richter House is not working, and the quote to replace it is \$70K

Richter House Grant: the City has not moved on it yet, but there is a \$900K grant that Guckner is working on.

The City did give other Authorities money during COVID for operational expenses but not Richter, as we were generating revenue. Mr. Siecienski is asking them to reconsider Richter in this plan.

Mr. Eberhard asked about a dedication at the tennis courts to Susan Roberts after she passed away in 2020. Ms. Griemsmann will look it up to discuss at the August meeting.

## **New business**

None.

## **Chairman's Comments/Report**

The RPA needs a Secretary. Thank you to Mr. Radachowsky for running the June RPA meeting. We are an Authority to work together to support our employees and support Richter Park.

## **Executive Session** at 7:27pm

Mr. LoRusso went to one of our vendors to order fertilizer at the Richter Park discounted rate (tax exempt) and paid cash, but the paid invoice went to Richter Park. It was decided that the Executive Committee will talk with Mr. LoRusso and come up with a course of action plan as to how to proceed with the situation.

Mr. Mead made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Mr. Lajoie seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**