

RICHTER PARK AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, July 21, 2021, 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 John Priola opened the meeting at 6:01 PM.

Members present: John Priola, George Radachowsky, Al Mead, Bob Eberhard, Leroy Diggs, Pete Siecienski, David Lajoie and Paul DiNardo.

Also present: Karen Madaus, Business Manager, Jonathan Pinto, Head Professional and Rob Dorsch, Golf Course Superintendent.

Absent: Wendy Grispin, Judy Griemsmann and Felix Bonacci.

Mr. Priola welcomed David Lajoie as the newest RPA member.

Public participation

none

Approve minutes of previous meetings

Mr. Mead made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 15th RPA meeting with one correction. Mr. Diggs seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Mead made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 23rd Master Plan Committee meeting. Mr. Siecienski seconded. Mr. Eberhard abstained. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Correspondence

None.

Arts Association

Ms. Griemsmann stated that there are three items to bring to the RPA's attention: 1) there is a broken window in the Richter House dining room, 2) when it rains, the gutter pours out over the front door and 3) there is some mold in the house, which should be addressed during the Richter House renovation project. Mr. Dorsch stated that all gutters that are reachable are clear, and that he may need to contact our tree removal company to reach others. Also, he stated that the mold was looked at by a removal company last week, and that he will go to the house to look at the broken window.

Musicals at Richter

Godspell will open on Friday, July 23rd. Thank you to Rob Dorsch; the grounds look great! There will be a fundraising cabaret on August 13th.

MPC-Richter House

No report

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No report Mr. Priola raised a concern of loose bricks in the memorial walkway. Mr. DiNardo would like to bring a mason over. He will reach out to Russ Griemsmann to coordinate. Mr. Dorsch stated that the loose bricks need to be fixed before the parking lot paving next month.

Business Manager's Report

The Danbury Amateur was very successful! Links Magazine named Richter Park as one of the top five public golf courses in Connecticut. The 2021 outing season is going very well so far.

Head Golf Professional

July has been a very rainy month so far. The Danbury Amateur was very successful. Rounds are doing well and the driving range is great.

Grounds and Greens

The front nine was aerified today and the back nine will be aerified tomorrow. Mr. Dorsch would like a Grounds and Greens meeting to approve the bunker project. Mr. Pinto thanked Mr. Dorsch and his staff for a great job in the Danbury Amateur. Mr. DiNardo seconded those sentiments. Mr. Siecienski agreed and gave kudos.

Financial report

Don LoRusso was not reappointed to the RPA, so David Lajoie will till the vacancy. Mr. Mead made a motion to have Mr. Priola as acting Treasurer until the RPA elections in September. Mr. Lajoie seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Mead made a motion to accept the financial reports and have them placed on file for audit. Mr. Lajoie seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.** Mr. Priola added that this year is going as well as last year did.

Finance Committee Report

No report.

Chairman's Comments/Report

Reappointments of RPA members went well. Ms. Grispin and Mr. Radachowsky still need to contact Les Pinter/Corporation Council before August meeting. Mr. Priola would like to discuss the possibility of having volunteers working at Richter Park at the August meeting.

Mr. Mead brought up the fact that currently, residents and non-residents have the same lead time on making tee times, and some residents are upset. He proposed a change for one month, to see how it goes when residents are given an extra day to book their tee times.

Old business

none.

New business

Eagle Scout presentation by Chase Stanton regarding a spinoff on the red hiking trail. Mr. Mead made a motion to give the Eagle Scout project the ok to go ahead. Mr. Lajoie seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Mead made a motion to adjourn at 6:51pm. Mr. Diggs seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**