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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN EXAMINING
BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,
DESIGNERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
RICK H. RETTLER, :
RESPONDENT. :

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 LSA 006

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Rick H. Rettler
3317 Business Park Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54482

The Landscape Architect Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects,
Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land
Surveyors
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190
Madison WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Landscape Architect Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors (Section). The Section has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Section adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Rick H. Rettler (DOB 09/15/1955) is registered by the State of Wisconsin as a landscape architect, having certificate of registration number 2-14, first issued on November 9, 1994 and current through July 31, 2016. Respondent's most recent address on file

with the Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 3317 Business Park Drive, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54482.

2. In 2015, the Department conducted an audit of registered landscape architect continuing education for the 2012-2014 biennial registration period (August 1, 2012 to July 31, 2014).

3. Pursuant to the Department audit, Respondent was found to be noncompliant with the continuing education requirements for registered Landscape Architects in the 2012-2014 biennial registration period, as Respondent only completed 8 hours of continuing education during that time period.

4. Between December 8, 2014, and November 8, 2015, Respondent completed 16 hours of continuing education, which were applied retroactively to satisfy Respondent's continuing education requirements for the 2012-2014 biennial registration period. These courses taken by Respondent were:

- a. American Sports Builders, "Sport Design Process" (1 hour).
- b. American Sports Builders, "Crumb Rubber in Athletic Fields" (1 hour).
- c. American Sports Builders, "Stormwater Management" (1 hour).
- d. RedVector, "Ethical Decision Making" (2 hours).
- e. American Society of Landscape Architects, "The LA Media Continuum: Projecting the Future of Our Profession" (1.5 hours).
- f. American Society of Landscape Architects, "Landscape, Public Space, and Identity: The Present Future Condition" (1.5 hours).
- g. American Society of Landscape Architects, "Amending Site Soils to Enhance Infiltration on Compacted Urban Sites" (1.5 hours).
- h. American Society of Landscape Architects, "Bridging the Gap: Klyde Warren Park and the Revitalization of Central Dallas" (1.5 hours).
- i. American Society of Landscape Architects, "The Future of the Suburban Workplace: Learning from the Bay Area" (1.5 hours).
- j. American Society of Landscape Architects, "Landscape Architecture and Design Post-Sandy: New Paradigms of Resilience" (1.5 hours).

5. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Landscape Architect Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § A-E 11.03(1)(a) by failing to complete at least 24 hours of approved continuing education in the 2012-2014 biennial registration period.

3. As a result of the above violations, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11(1)(e).

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Rick H. Rettler is REPRIMANDED.

3. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$389.

4. Any continuing education hours listed above in Finding of Fact paragraph 4, that were completed and applied retroactively to satisfy Respondent's continuing education requirements for the 2012-2014 biennium, may not be used to satisfy any other registered landscape architect continuing education requirements with the Section.

5. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

6. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered and as set forth above, Respondent's certificate of registration (no. 2-14) may, in the discretion of the Section, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs.

7. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN EXAMINING BOARD
OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS,
DESIGNERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

by: Roskoen Stojinski
A Member of the Section *RS*

3/1/16
Date

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 LSA 006

Respondent Rick H. Rettler and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

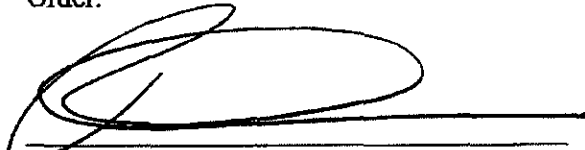
4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Landscape Architect Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers, and Professional Land Surveyors (Section). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Section's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Section, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Section, the parties agree not to contend that the Section has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Section ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Section in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Section may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Section should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

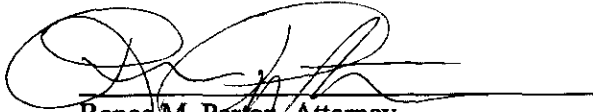
7. Respondent is informed that should the Section adopt this Stipulation, the Section's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Section adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.



Rick H. Rettler, Respondent
3317 Business Park Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54482
Registration no. 2-14

2/10/2016
Date



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P.O. Box 7190
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2/11/2016
Date