

**Branford Board of Recreation
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday August 9, 2023**

Members Present:

Paul Criscuolo, Chairman
Bill O'Brien
Jeanne Crowley (7:13 PM)
Deborah Conklin
Helen (Bimmie) Herget

Staff Present:

Alex Palluzzi, Director
Dale Izzo, Assistant Director

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion to accept the May 10th meeting minutes was made and seconded by;

1st: Deborah Conklin 2nd: Paul Criscuolo

Motion Carries

A motion to accept the July 5th Meeting Minutes was made and seconded by;

1st: Bimmie Herget 2nd: Deborah Conklin

Motion Carries

Public Comment:

Stanley Konesky, Sr. was present at the meeting. He was concerned about the handicap swing that was taken down during the construction during the building of the Foote Park Splash Pad. He wanted to know what the plans were with it moving forward as the swing was donated by his family in memory of his wife's sister. The board heard his concerns and will be looking to replace it or install it in the next phase of the parks renovation to the playgrounds. Alex will work with the family on this issue.

A motion to have the wheelchair swing installed in the near future was made and seconded by;

1st: Paul Criscuolo 2nd: Deborah Conklin

Motion Carries

Director's Report: Alex reported that the repair work on the Community House Patio is expected to start in the beginning of September. The Splash Pad opened on July 31st. It was a great ceremony. The playground camp was able to use it first. All is going well with it. It is open weather permitting 10a-7p. It shuts off automatically.

Assistant Director's Report: Dale reported that summer camp is coming to end. It has been a great summer. Staff and campers have been having a great time. Teen Travel, Little Explorer's

and Theatre Camp have all competed for the summer. We are in the process of finalizing Fall Programming and beginning our Special Events for the Fall and early Winter. The Summer Concerts are continuing through the end of September.

Old Business:

The AED's have arrived and we are still waiting on some other parts to come in. There will be a press conference in September. Dale will be reaching out the Fire Department to see if they could assist with some classes to train folks on the AEDs that will be going in the parks.

New Business:

Program Coordinator Position: A motion to go into executive Session at 8:04PM was made and seconded by;

1st: Bill O'Brien 2nd: Bimmie Herget

Motion Carries

A discussion related to the open position took place. No votes taken

Exited Executive Session at 8:19 PM

The September 13th Meeting is being cancelled.

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:20

A motion was made for adjournment.

1st Deborah Conklin 2nd Jeanne Crowley

Motion Carries .

Minutes submitted by Dale Izzo

August 11, 2023