

Branford Board of Recreation
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2020

Members present: Zoom meeting due to COVID-19

Paul Criscuolo, Chairman
Deborah Conklin
Helen 'Bimmie' Herget
Jeanne Crowley
Bill O'Brien

Staff Present:

Alex Palluzzi, Jr.
Dale Izzo

Guest:

Todd Petrowski, Wayne Cooke, Bobby Costanzo, Michael Perricone, Patty beals, Lisa Arpin, Chris Hynes, Marc Riccio

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman, Paul Criscuolo.

II. Approval of meeting minutes

A motion was made to approve the October 14, 2020 meeting minutes

1st: Bill O'Brien 2nd: Deb Conklin passed 5-0

III. Correspondence

None

IV. Public Comment

Todd Petrowski spoke about concerns regarding the gate and putting one in at the Tabor Drive Property and Ecology Park. He is concerned that there should hours about opening and closing the parks as to not to disturb the residents and for safety.

Representative Marc Riccio addressed the board about an email that he received from Wayne Cooke. He gave a presentation about the parks and the current community house.

No comment from Chris Hynes, Michael Perricone, Bobby Costanzo

Wayne Cooke addressed the board about the process in which Tabor Drive is being handled and the building/renovations to the Joe Trapasso Community House. He wants a fair process from the current administration.

V. Directors Report

Alex gave an overview of the park maintenance and capital projects. We continue to clean up the parks from the storm damage.

- The Foote Park has been completed and we have gotten the Certificate of Occupancy. The bathrooms are all ADA compliant. All funding for this project came from the Foote Trust. The tennis courts are in the process of being renovated. All new LED lights have

been installed, irrigation, a rain garden and new areas to sit. We are hoping for a May 1st opening.

- We have received the final Certificate of Occupancy for the Community House Project as of November 23rd. The fencing for the generator will be installed in the near future.
- Veteran's Park: The basketball courts renovations are complete.
- Alex addressed the board that he would look at the signage at Ecology Park.

VI. Assistant Directors Report

Dale gave a detailed report about the holiday activities that will be taken place. We had a successful tree lighting. The ReckKid School Dayz program continues to be successful and parents are happy to be able to return back to work and that their children have the opportunity to do their work and have time to be with peers in a safe environment. The department staff has worked hard to bring programs to all ages. They held a drive through Santa's workshop, Virtual ZOOM Santa calls, and are looking forward to Santa deliveries with the Branford Fire Department. The staff will be hosting 8 night of Hanukkah and a mini drive in movie series.

VII. Old Business: none

VIII. New Business: The board set the meeting minutes for the 2021 year.

Paul commented the board and the staff and how they are handle guest commons at board meetings. He commended the staff for a job well done with all the programs that they are running to keep the community together.

Next meeting: January 13, 2021

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:27pm

1st Bimmie Herget

2nd Jeanne Crowley— Passed 5-0

Submitted by: Dale B Izzo