

**Branford Board of Recreation  
Meeting Minutes  
Sept. 9, 2020**

**Members present: Zoom meeting due to COVID-19**

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

**Staff Present:**

Alex Palluzzi, Jr entered the meeting at 7:14PM  
Dale Izzo

**Guest:**

None present

**I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chairman, Paul Criscuolo.

**II. Approval of meeting minutes**

A motion was made to approve the June 10, 2020 meeting minutes

1<sup>st</sup>: Bimmie Herget                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Deb Conklin                      passed 4-0

**III. Correspondence**

Dale read two letters: One from Melanie T stating what a wonderful job our department did with opening up the Hospice Pool and making it available for residents this summer. The second letter was from Camille L. thanking our department for the "Spread a Little Sunshine"

**IV. Public Comment**

There was no public in attendance at the meeting.

**V. Directors Report**

Alex gave an overview of the capital project that are happening. The handicap materials came in for the beach and we will be able to install and try it out next year. The art gallery hardware came in and it will be going up. Geese Relief has been working with us to control geese at Sliney Field and Foote Park.

- Flax Mill and Young's Pond had severe tree damage and it is going to take weeks to get it cleaned up.
- The Foote Park bathroom project is nearing completion.
- The following sports are being played: fall baseball, and youth soccer. The Youth Football board cancelled their season this year.

**VI. Assistant Directors Report**

Dale gave a detailed report about the fall programming for Sept and Oct. She highlighted some of the family activities that will be taking place as well as the Drive In Movie this weekend~ Grease. The staff has worked hard to be creative with new programs and modifying programs

due to COVID. They will be offering adult exercise programs outside at Foote Park and Parker Park, toddler classes outside with caregivers, and they will be having the After School Afternoon Adventures Program for childcare beginning on September 14<sup>th</sup>. They have been working with school district and will be following the BOE hybrid model. She also gave an overview of some of the pop up music that our department has hosted over the summer and will be continuing into October. She highlighted other programs that are all listed and linked on the parks and recreation website.

**VII. Old Business:** none

**VIII. New Business:** none

**Next meeting:** October 14, 2020

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn at 7:42pm

1<sup>st</sup> Bimmie Herget

2<sup>nd</sup> Bill O'Brien– Passed 4-0

Submitted by: Dale B Izzo