

**Branford Board of Recreation
Joe Trapasso Community Center
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2023**

Board Members:

- √- Paul Criscuolo, Chairman
- √- Helen “Bimmie” Herget, Clerk
- √- Deborah Conklin
- Jeanne Crowley- excused
- √- William O’Brien

Staff:

- √- Alex Palluzzi, Jr.
- √- Dale Izzo
- √- Ricky DiRago

Guest:

None

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Chairman, Paul Criscuolo. A motion was made to accept the October 11th meeting minutes.

1st: Bimmie Herget 2nd: Paul Criscuolo passed 3-0

II. Correspondences: None

III. Public Comments: None

IV. Directors Report:

Community House: No outstanding projects to report. The building is being used to full capacity.

Parks, Grounds and Facilities: Alex has met with State Officials regarding the playground at Veteran’s Park about funding. Pickleball courts will remain open at Veteran’s and Foote Parks through the end of the month weather permitting.

Employee Recognition: Alex and Paul Criscuolo did a presentation to Dale for her 25 years of full time employment with the Parks and Recreation Dept. The board presented Dale with a plaque and many of her family

members were present to congratulate her on this milestone.

V. Assistant Directors Report:

Dale presented the board with the Holiday 2023-Winter 2024 Program Guide. She highlighted new programs and the Holiday events that are coming up this month. Bill Keane will be recognized this month by the Connecticut Parks and Recreation Association as the 2023 Volunteer of the Year. Our department submitted an application highlighting all the events that Bill is involved in for our department and the Town of Branford.

VI. Old Business:

Paul Criscuolo appointed a small committee to plan for the AED rollout. We are planning to do something for the Month of February, as this seems the most appropriate, being American Heart Month.

VII. New Business:

1. Facility & Field Policy: The board is taking looking at the departments current policies and Alex and Dale have been communicating with the BOE about their policy so we are all on the same page.
2. 2024 Meeting Schedule: The board voted on the 2024 proposed meeting schedule. Meetings will be held in person on the second Wednesday of each month at the Joe Trapasso Community House beginning at 7PM
3. Board Elections
 - A motion was made to hold the annual elections for the board seats of Chairman and Clerk
1st: Deb Conklin 2nd: Bill O'Brien passed 4-0
 - A motion was made nominating Paul Criscuolo as Chairman.
1st: Bill O'Brien 2nd: Deb Conklin passed 3-0
 - A motion was made nominating Bimmie Herget as the Clerk
1st: Deb Conklin 2nd: Paul Criscuolo passed 3-0

Next Meeting: December 13, 2023

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:51 pm

1st Bill O'Brien 2nd: Deb Conklin passed 4-0

Submitted by: Dale Izzo