

**Branford Board of Recreation
Joe Trapasso Community Center
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2024**

Board Members:

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

Staff:

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

Guest:

None

I. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, Paul Criscuolo. A motion was made to accept the December 12th meeting minutes with one correct of removing the word excused after Jeanne Crowley’s name. She was present at the December meeting

1st: Bimmie Herget 2nd: Deborah Conklin passed 5-0

II. **Correspondences:** Alex read a thank you card from the Community Dining Room thanking our department for helping with the Fill A Box Food Drive in December.

III. **Public Comments:** None

IV. **Directors Report:**

Community House: The leaks on the roof seem to be have been fixed at this point. With all the rain we received last night, the roof did not leak.

Parks, Grounds and Facilities: Foote Park: The Crabapple trees at been pruned. The parks are set for the winter and we continue to do clean up and check the grounds on a daily basis.

Other: Marcel Butch Cote retired on Jan. 5th. Nicholas Polastri was promoted to the Lead Maintainer position and started on Jan. 7th. We have filled the afternoon PT Admin position with Kelly Gesuero who started Jan. 3rd. Currently we are in the process with HR setting up interviews for the FT Maintainer position. We are hoping to have position filled by March 1st.

V. Assistant Directors Report:

Dale gave an overview of the activities and programs that are being offered this winter. The First Night Event on the green was a huge success.

Theatre: The Branford Parks and Recreation Shoreline Theatre Company won several awards for the production of Footloose from 2023 Broadway World Connecticut. Best Sound Design (Adam Jackson), Best Dance Production, Best Musical Direction & Orchestra Performance (Michael Martone, jr.) Best Choreography (Paola Rarick) and Favorite Local Theatre. We are so honored to be recognized for so many awards. Colin was awarded for Legacy Theatre, best Direction of a Musical (Professional) Award for the Musical of Musicals.

Christopher Lemieux, Summer Theatre Camp Director also was honored and recognized for Best Performer in a Play for the Play that Goes Wrong at Legacy Theatre. Congratulations to all.

Special Events: The Santa Delivery Program was again a huge success with our department and the Fire Department visiting over 110 homes this holiday season. We had an anonymous donation of gift cards that our department distributed to families in need via the Santa Delivery Program. We are grateful for this donation to bring joy to the young and old who needed a little help this holiday.

Upcoming Special Events: Annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd at Foote Park

Pool: The pool is up and running for the public. We are still looking for lifeguards. Our current staff is in the process of attending in-services and recertifying. It was nice that we were able to be open over the winter break.

VI. Old Business:

Facility & Field Policy: Dale shared with the board the department's current policy as well as conversations with Board members from the BOE. We continue to align ourselves to have our policies align with the BOE. More discussion to come.

AED Committee Update: Deb and Dale have been meeting. They shared their thoughts for the rollout of our AED's In the Parks! The tentative date is Wednesday Feb. 14th

VII. New Business: Letter of Support to the Board of Finance addressing the field project at WIS. The letter is being sent to them this week.

Next Meeting: Feb. 14, 2024

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 7:59 pm

1st Bill O'Brien

2nd: Deb Conklin

passed 5-0

Submitted by: Dale Izzo