

**Branford Board of Recreation
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 11, 2023**

Members Present:

Paul Criscuolo-Chairman
Helen (Bimmie) Herget-Clerk
Bill O'Brien
Jeanne Crowley
Deborah Conklin

Staff Present:

Alex Palluzzi Jr.-Director

Call To Order:

This Meeting was called to order at 7:09 by Chairman Paul Criscuolo.

Approval of December 14, 2022

Jean Crowley and seconded by Helen Bimmie Herget
Motion approved

Correspondence - None

Public Comment - None

Directors Report – Presented by Alex Palluzzi

- **Building** -
 - HVAC issue is still being addressed. We finally have a new vendor that will come to address the system.
 - Overall – the building is being well utilized, basketball is in full swing and many meetings and activities are being held.
- **Parks/Grounds/Facilities**
 - New Foote Park playground is being used. Pickleball and Tennis was opened until Dec. 21st and we hope to open in March weather permitting.
 - Hammer Field: building a 50/70 diamond field for baseball.
 - Veteran's Park lighting is a work in progress. Looking into grants for new playgrounds around town.
 - Splash pad design is moving forward. We are waiting on pricing. The Building Department is shooting the site work. Our next meeting we should have more information about the project.
 - General maintenance of all parks and beaches is on-going.
 - Field Study: The feasibility study has begun with the first step of evaluating the facilities/parks/fields/courts that we have in town.

- **COVID-19:** we will address this as need. It will be taken of the agenda. We continue to meet with ESDHD on a monthly basis for updates.
- **Show Mobile:** it is expected to arrive by May 2nd. The representative has been great staying in contact about updates of delivery. We need to purchase some additional pieces. Stairs, railings, blocking.
- **Budget:** We are waiting on the directions for the upcoming FY budget 2024.

A motion was made enter executive session:

Bimmie Herget seconded by Jean Crowley at 7:19PM. A motion was made to exit executive session and resume the regular meeting at 7:34PM

- **Assistant Director's Report** – Dale gave the following report
 - The Santa Fire Truck deliveries we a huge success. We visited 150 children over the course of 4 nights. Big Thank you to the Branford Fire Department for assisting with this program and all the volunteer companies.
 - First Night Branford – took place January 6th on the green. It was a great success. Thank you for the Branford Fire Department for their support to make the Bon Fire Successful and safe.
 - “You Can’t Stop the Beat” Branford Parks & Recreation Shoreline Theatre Company 5th Anniversary Celebration will take place January 13th at BHS.
 - Upcoming Community Events: Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be April 1st at Foote Park.
 - Summer Camp Registrations will begin March 1st. Families will have the option to use an installment plan to pay for camps.
 - Hospice Passes will go on sale, March 1st.
 - The WIS pool is open and we are collaborating with the Soundview YMCA to fill the gaps with lifeguards.
 - Winter Programming has begun.

Old business – None

New business – The board wanted to make the department aware of the article in the New Haven Register regarding Summer Camps.

Adjournment – 8:22PM

Motion made by Jeanne Crowley and seconded by Bimmie Herget
Motion approved.

Minutes submitted by Dale Izzo
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