

Branford Board of Recreation
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2019

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Alex Palluzzi Jr.-Director
Dale Izzo-Assistant Director

Guest:

None

I Call To Order:

This meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chairman, Paul Criscuolo.

II Approval of 12-13-17 meeting minutes:

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes.

1. Bill O'Brien 2. Deborah Conklin passed 3-0

III Correspondence:

None

IV Public Comment:

None.

V Director's Report:

- **Community House:** The building project is coming along. As of 12/31/18 the project is 53.67% complete.
- **Foote Park:** We have a plan to restore the bathrooms and make them more handicap accessible.
- **Branford Hills Playground:** The project is approved and will be moving forward as soon as we can. Public Works will be helping with some of the site work.
- **Hammer Field:** Phase II of the playground is still on the horizon and we continue to look for a suitable site location.
- **Other facilities:** We continue to do snow removal and clean up the parks when the weather permits.
- **Town Budget / Personnel:** The town budget packets should be out soon. We are waiting to hear from the Finance / Selectman's Office for direction. Russ Burrows will be retiring after 33 years with our department on March 1st. His position has been posted internally and will be opened up to external candidates. We will be looking to hire two full time positions and hopefully get them on board for April 1st.

VI Assistant Director's Report:

Dale Izzo reported that winter classes have begun. The first night Event was very successful and the department is looking to make this an annual event. Much positive feedback was heard.

Staff will be working on Spring Classes and registration is set for March 6th. At this time residents will be able to purchase Hospice Pool Passes, sign up for Teen Travel and begin planning for summer. Summer Playground Camp will begin on April 1st.

Upcoming events:

- Jazz Concert Series: The committee has begun meeting to plan
- Branford 375th: The committee meets bi-weekly. Check the website at www.branford375.com for updates.
- Social Media: We continue to post and push programs and events out through our social media page on Facebook.

Upcoming events:

- Kinney/Bradley Basketball Tournament- begins Second week of Feb.
- Spring Registration begins March 6th
- Hospice Pool Passes go on Sale March 6th
- Teen Travel Registration begins March 6th
- Jazz Scholarship Fundraiser April 4th at Stony Creek Brewery
- The Annual Shockley Swim Meet is March 5th
- The Annual Spelling Bee is April 11th
- The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is March 24th
- Summer Camp Registration April 1st

VII Old Business:

Paul continued to encourage Board Members to bring forth ideas/suggestion for discussion at the monthly meetings

VIII New Business:

None

Next Meeting:

March 13th 2019

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Bill and second by Bimmie at 8:25 p.m.