

Branford Board of Recreation
Joe Trapasso Community Center
Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2021

Members present:

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

Staff Present:

Alex Palluzzi, Jr.
Dale Izzo

Guest: Wayne Cooke, Judy Miller, James B Cosgrove, First Selectman

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman, Paul Criscuolo.
A motion was made to accept the monthly meeting minutes from April 14, 2021
1st: Jean Crowley 2nd: Deborah Conklin passed 4-0

II. Correspondences: None.

A motion was made to adjust the agenda to address New Business (Judy Miller) and Public Comments first.

III. New Business: Judy Miller address the board about recognizing the Branford Trail on becoming an official Greenway Trail. This would come with many perks and opens up grant resources if the trail is recognized. The trails has been in existing for over 40 years. It has been managed all by volunteers and will continue that way. It was suggested that Judy address the Board of Selectman as well about the trail getting recognized.

IV. Public Comments:

Wayne Cooke addressed the board with his concerns about the Tabor Property and that is being done with that piece of property. First Selectman, James B Cosgrove address his concerns regarding Tabor and spoke about his concerns with the Greenway Trail and why it was built and placed that way it was on the property.

First Selectman, James B Cosgrove addressed the board about he comments on Fields in town. He spoke about the BOE property at WIS. He stated that parents, organization representatives approached the BOE about the concept of field development at WIS. The BOE is having that contractor present a concept for fields. Jamie feels that is it important that this concept meets current and future needs, based on a number of things; current enrollment, projected enrollments, sports played, number of individuals involved in the sports and usage. He stressed

that we need to look at the big picture and not just for the school. What is the need so that entire community would be get the most out of it?

V. Directors Report

- Community House: The Air conditioning units are being looked at as there was an issue with them. The building is still leaking and the deck upstairs is still flaking and peeling. The contractor is aware and working to fix the issue. The down spouts are beginning to rust. .
- Parks/Grounds/Facilities: Seeding is taking place at Foote Park, the walkway has been sealed, 4 additional pickle ball courts have been completed. A butterfly garden was also put in. We are looking into the possibility to see if a splash pad would work at this facility as well.
- COVID-19: We continue to follow protocols. We are requiring that everyone entering the building, in all common areas, bathrooms and gymnasium, wear a mask regardless of vaccination status. Once they are in a meeting room, vaccinated folks have the option of wearing their mask or not.

VI. Assistant Directors Report

Dale gave an overview of departmental programs and talked about upcoming events. The department is working to have the holiday tree lighting and parade this coming November. Dale shared the theatre program booklet with the board.

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

Nominations of Board Chair and Clerk

A motion was made to nominate Paul Criscuolo as the chair of the board.

1st: Helen "Bimmie" Herget 2nd: Jean Crowley passed 4-0

A motion was made to nominate Helen "Bimmie" Herget as the clerk to the board

1st: Deborah Conklin 2nd: Jean Crowley passed 4-0

Next meeting: November 10, 2021

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:15pm

1st Bill O'Brien 2nd Deborah Conklin– Passed 4-0

Submitted by: Dale B Izzo