

Branford Board of Recreation
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2021

Members present: Zoom meeting due to COVID-19

Paul Criscuolo, Chairman
Deborah Conklin
Jeanne Crowley

Staff Present:

Alex Palluzzi, Jr.
Dale Izzo

Guest: First Selectman, James Cosgrove

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Chairman, Paul Criscuolo.

A motion was made to accept the monthly meeting minutes from February 2021

1st: Jeanne Crowley 2nd: Deb Conklin passed 3-0

II. Directors Report

- Community House: We are working with GGB about getting the contract for the HCAV. Dornfield will be coming to replace the filters on the roof. The generator enclosure is scheduled to be installed in the next couple of months.
- Parks/Grounds/Facilities: The field will not open until after April 1st. We have begun to work and prepare the fields, tennis court and basketball courts.
- Veteran's Park: The lighting project is under way
- Foote Park: Pre-bid meeting regarding the clay courts has taken place. Bids are due in a couple of weeks. We are hopefully to have the courts open my May 15th
- We have had the garbage pails painted and they are being placed throughout the parks.
- COVID-19: Many changes with guidelines are being taken into consideration. Mask and social distancing continue to be required.

III. Assistant Directors Report

Dale gave an overview on February programs and the upcoming March programming and what the department is working on going forward. Special Events coming up are the Drive Thru Easter Egg Hunt and the "You've Been Egged" The RECKids program is doing well. We are hearing that the students will be returning back to school. This program has helped many families with over 50 students that have attended. The staff continues to research ideas about summer programs and focusing on camps for essential childcare.

IV. Old Business: A motion was made to accept the Board policy about how the public will be addresses at meeting and the guidelines that will be in effect. This guidelines will be added to the agenda each month.

1st: Jean Crowley 2nd:Deborah Conklin passed 3-0

Alex highlighted the FY2021-22 Budget that will be presented to the Board of Finance.

V. **New Business:** The Greenway Trail/Branford Trails. Members were unable to attend the meeting. They stated that they will be attending the next month meeting. Alex gave a brief overview about their presentation.

A question was asked about the difference between Parks & Open Space and Parks and Recreation? Parks and Open Space is a volunteer group with a very limited budget.

VI.

Next meeting: April 14, 2021

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 7:50pm

1st Deborah Conklin

2nd Jeanne Crowley— Passed 3-0

Submitted by: Dale B Izzo