

**Branford Board of Recreation
Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2018**

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Alex Palluzzi Jr.-Director
Dale Izzo-Assistant Director

I Call To Order:

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

II Approval of 1-10-18 meeting minutes:

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes.

1. Bimmie Herget 2. Deborah Conklin passed 4-0

III Correspondence:

None

IV Public Comment:

none

V Director's Report:

- **Community House:** We have been meeting bi-weekly to get updates on the progress of the project. They have put in 206 pilings. We are waiting on the building permits. Walls inside the building will be going up, the concrete for the foundation is being poured, and we are waiting on the Recovery Schedule. Dale and Alex will be meeting to look at color samples and furniture. Additional fencing is being installed for safety.
- **Foot Park:** The Foot Park fencing project is almost complete. We are beginning to work on the tennis courts so that they can open in April. The guys continue to pick up the park of branches and debris from the most recent storms.
- **Other facilities:** the maintenance staff is working at all the parks removing branches and debris from the past storms. They are beginning to get started on the fields at our parks. Fencing was installed at Parker Park by the playground for safety. Veterans' Park will be plowed tomorrow and will begin doing maintenance. The FD department will be going around to our facilities to inspect them and give feedback.
- We continue to do snow removal and clean up the parks when the weather permits.
- Alex shared an update on the WIS project. He will have a better understanding next week as to a timeline. We are anticipating the youth programs having to use our facilities throughout the summer months. We have confirmation that we will not have use of the WIS pool this summer and plans are underway to move our programs to the Hospice Pool.
- Alex and Paull have been attending the Planning and Conservation Committee meeting to give insight into their plans.

- Alex and Paul attended the last Parker Park Commission meeting.
- BHS Sports can start using the fields on March 17th weather permitting.
- Alex will contact Valerie at CRPA to get the SCROG report and share it with the board.

VI Assistant Director's Report:

- Dale Izzo reported that Spring Registration began March 1, 2018. We updated our brochure for the spring to This will be a great resource for parents to plan for the summer months. We have many new offerings. Theatre for youth and adults, which will be promoted during next week's production of Shrek and then at WIS during their production of the Little Mermaid. We have scheduled a youth Learn the game of Chess Camp, STEM classes using Legos, a CT DEEP boating certification class, as well as swimming and many sports clinics and camps.
- Hospice Pool Passes : we have sold 55 passes to date: 32 Family, 21 Seniors and 3 Individual passes
- Teen Travel: It is filled
- Jazz Scholarship Fundraiser at Stony Creek Brewery: we had 50 participants
- The Annual 57th Shockley Swim Meet: very successful and over 60 swimmers swam.
- The Annual Spelling Bee: took place this past weekend and was well attended. 15 participants. Thank you to the 4 teachers who helped to run this event. They are looking into expanding next year to the business community.

Upcoming events:

- The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is March 24th we received a generous donation for the American Legion Post to help with the purchase of additional candy for the hunt.
- Summer Camp Registration April 2nd
- Dog Frisbee Contest: May 5th
- Bus Trip to Fenway Park to see the Red Sox take on the White Sox: June 9th

VII Old Business:

none

VIII New Business:

- Beach Access for handicap: Deborah presented the board with some ideas about making our beaches accessible all the way to the water for those who are handicap
- Jazz: It was suggested that the Jazz Committee put together an email distribution list (constant Contact) to get the word out, weekly about performances, cancellations, and upcoming events.
- Budget: Alex reviews the Budget presentation with the Board. There was an overall 1.9% increase to the operating and personal budget. We also explained the capital requests as well as showed the board the two playground potential plans.
- Community Members have been advocating for the opportunity to build an all-purpose field at WIS as this would be the time to do it as they begin their construction project.

Next Meeting:

April 11, 2018

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Bimmie and second by Deborah at 8:50 p.m. passed 5-0