

Branford Board of Recreation
Joe Trapasso Community Center
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2021

Members present:

Paul Criscuolo, Chairman
Deborah Conklin
Jeanne Crowley
Helen "Bimmie" Herget
Bill O'Brien joined the meeting at 7:10pm

Staff Present:

Alex Palluzzi, Jr.
Dale Izzo

Guest: None

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: Bimmie Herget 2nd: Jean Crowley passed 4-0

II. Correspondences: We received and email regarding beach safety.

III. Directors Report

- Community House: The generator enclosure is complete. We continue to work with IT to see about increasing the cell service throughout the building. The patio out front is still chipping and being addressed.
- Parks/Grounds/Facilities: We continue to work on the fields and get them ready daily for baseball and softball.
- Veteran's Park: The lighting project: We are still working to secure a new contractor for the lighting project.
- Foote Park: The clay tennis courts opened up last week. We have 4 new pickleball nets on order and will go in once they are in. Park security guards are in place to monitor the park.
- Parker Park: Beach will be opening Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. The dock will be shutting down sometime this month for about 4 months. The security guards have started. The handicap mat giving access to the beach and water is to be installed in the upcoming weeks.
- COVID-19: Many changes with guidelines are being taken into consideration. Mask and social distancing continue to be required.

IV. Assistant Directors Report

Dale gave an overview of the upcoming programs, Hospice Pool Memberships and special events. We have opened up registration for summer camps: Under the Sun Camps, Theatre, clinics and athletic camps. Registration is slow to date. As of now we will be following all best practices to keeping kids safe. I.e: Masks, handwashing and social distancing. The focus of the camps is to provide essential childcare while focusing on social and emotional needs, as well as providing a fun environment. We will be opening the Hospice Pool and offering similar classes that we did last year. We are looking to offer swim lessons if we can meet the standards to date. The department will again provide pop up entertainment on the green throughout the summer.

- V. **Old Business:** The budget was endorsed by the full RTM. We are very thanking for the additional dollars to make the currently position of Arts, Culture and Special Events Coordinator full time.
- VI. **New Business:** The Memorial Day parade will be taking place on May 31st

Next meeting: June 9, 2021

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:05pm

1st Bill O'Brien

2nd Deborah Conklin– Passed 5-0

Submitted by: Dale B Izzo