

**Branford Board of Recreation**  
**Joe Trapasso Community Center**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 8, 2021**

**Members present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Alex Palluzzi, Jr.  
Dale Izzo

**Guest:** Wayne Cooke

**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  
1<sup>st</sup>: Jean Crowley                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Bill O'Brien                      passed 4-0

**II. Correspondences:** Alex read a thank you note from Walt Romblad.

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

**III. New Business:** Alex did a presentation to recognize Staff for their outstanding service to our department. Megan Cunningham who has been with the department for over 12 years was recognized. We wish her well with her new full time position with the Canoe Brook Senior Center. A plaque was presented to her from the Department and the Board.

**IV. Public Comments:**

Wayne Cooke addressed the board with his concerns about the Tabor Property and the need for the board to advocate for playing fields. He also expressed his disappointment with the Community House building project.

**V. Directors Report**

- Community House: There are a few leaks that are being addressed after past storms.
- Parks/Grounds/Facilities: The fall sports will be using the fields beginning this week. Youth Football will begin to use WIS. Fall Ball is starting at Sliney field.
- Veteran's Park: The lighting project: this project is on hold for now. The tennis court lights will be on weather permitting.
- Foote Park: we continue to monitor the park with security guards, the gardens are coming in nicely. The lights will be on weather permitting for tennis & pickle ball.

- Parker Park: we have finished the beach season. The security guards are still being scheduled. We had some storm damage that has been cleaned up.
- Budget: Alex went over the transfers that will be presented to the RTM tonight.
- COVID-19: We continue to follow protocols. When children are in the building, as we are providing essential childcare in the afternoons, everyone is wearing a mask, vaccinated or unvaccinated.

**VI. Assistant Directors Report**

Dale gave an overview of Hospice Pool and summer& camp programs. We had a successful camp season this summer. Parents were happy to have a safe fun environment for their children. We are finishing up our pop up entertainment on the green with Monday and Thursday night performances through Sept & October. Looking ahead, we have many fall programs being offered. We are hoping to have the tree lighting and parade to kick off the holiday season. Our Afternoon Adventures program started with 27 K-4<sup>th</sup> grade students attending from the elementary schools.

**VII. Old Business: None**

**VIII. New Business:** Colin Sheehan will be receiving the Beacon Award at a dinner in November.

**Next meeting:** Oct. 13, 2021

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn at 8:05pm

1<sup>st</sup> Bill O'Brien

2<sup>nd</sup> Deborah Conklin– Passed 4-0

Submitted by: Dale B Izzo