

Branford Board of Recreation
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2020

Members present: Zoom meeting due to COVID-19

Paul Criscuolo, Chairman

Deborah Conklin

Jeanne Crowley

Helen 'Bimmie' Herget

Bill O'Brien (signed on to meeting at 7:24pm)

Staff Present:

Alex Palluzzi, Jr

Dale Izzo

Guest:

Wayne Cooke

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chairman, Paul Criscuolo.

II. Approval of meeting minutes

A motion was made to approve the April 8, 2020 meeting minutes

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

III. Correspondence

The Assistant Director shared emails with the board that the department has sent to us about the work we have been doing during the COVID-19

IV. Public Comment

Wayne Cooke spoke about the Tabor Property. His concerns was that there is 77 acres of property at Tabor Drive and that it seems that the town is not following the master plan for developing it (for example ball fields or a public golf course) His mentioned that there are a lot of hiking/walking trails and it needs to be developed further.

V. Directors Report

Alex provided an update about staffing due to Coronavirus COVID 19, we continue to take precautions cleaning the building and wiping surfaces. All the staff are back in the office. The building is still closed to the public. The opening of the beaches has gone very well. We have monitors for the bathrooms who are handing out masks if needed and making sure that folks are entering with one person in the bathrooms at a time. Branford Point is limited for parking. Park guards are on duty. Hospice has given us the opportunity to use the pool this summer and we are hoping to open July 1st. We are working through the guidelines that we current have and waiting on more guidance. Staff has been meeting weekly for staff meetings. The maintenance staff continue to work outside after cleaning the building on a daily basis. Alex gave a detailed

report about the parks: In response to COVID-19 our parks are open, playgrounds, and volleyball courts remain closed. Fields look like they might be able to open in July 7th.

Foot Park: The bathroom project is moving forward and making progress.

We had a soft opening of tennis courts there. The Playground is closed due to COVID-19

Veteran's Park:

The entire basketball hoops will be replaced in the near future. We will be stating the lighting project. The tennis courts are open. The Playground is closed due to COVID-19

Parker Park:

The paving will be starting next week. Thank you to DPW, town engineer and the First Selectman Office for their help with this project.

Capital Project: Branford Point paving of road way, taking down trees.

VI. Assistant Directors Report

Dale gave a detailed report about registrations and cancellations due to the effects of COVID-19. We continue to provide virtual programs, the staff continues to seek ways to keep the community engaged. We some revenue coming in as we have launched some programs that do have fees. Staff has been working on a Physical/social distancing summer camp experiences for children 5-8th. We announced the winner of the virtual talent show. We continue to offer family virtual game nights that have been successful

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. Paul addressed the board about a phone call he received regarding windboards/paddleboards similar to the CITI Bike platform of hosting them for folks to rent. Paul asked the gentleman again send the information as he was unable to open the attachments that were sent to him. He will keep the board posted.

IX. New Business

The board has asked if next month's meeting can be in person and on site. Alex is looking into this possibility.

Next meeting: July 8 , 2020

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:00pm

1st Bimmie Herget 2nd Jeanne Crowley – Passed 5-0

Submitted by: Dale B Izzo