

**Branford Board of Recreation
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday February 8, 2023**

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Alex Palluzzi Jr.-Director

Call To Order:

This Meeting was called to order at 7:03by Chairman Paul Criscuolo.

Approval of January 11, 2023 Minutes:

Motion made by Bimmie Herget /Second Deborah Conklin
Motion approved.

Correspondence

- Board of Selectman's letter confirming Paul Cricuolo as Chair Board of Recreation through 2027
- Board of Selectman's letter with the approval to hold the 2023 Jazz Series on the Town Green

Public Comment

Guests: RTM 1st District Representative Judy Barron

AJ Pace, Mike Papale, Debbie Vitali – representatives of Difibtec

- Presentation by Difibtec of AED technology
- Discussion related to the possibility of installing AED units at various public spaces and parks.

Directors Report – Presented by Alex Palluzzi

- **Building**
 - HVAC – Heating unit repairs have been completed
- **Parks/Grounds/Facilities**
 - Alex Paluzzi, Jamie Cosgrove and Jim Finch met with representatives of the Foote Trust.
 - 2023 disbursement expected to be \$304,000.00
- **Asst Director's Report – None**
 - Dale Izzo was not present – she was attending EMT training

Old business – None

New business

- 2023 Budget
 - Preliminary budget discussions are underway
 - There are concerns about escalating costs
 - An ask for a budget increase is anticipated
- A request was received, via First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove, from 3rd grade students, at Tisko School, for permission to install a pollinator garden at Riverside Park
 - Letters directly from students were reviewed.
- A motion was made to endorse the request.
 - 1st Bimmie Herget/ 2nd Bill O'Brien
 - Motion approved

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:19

A motion was made for adjournment – 1st Bimmie Herget/ 2nd Bill O'Brien
Motion approved.

Minutes submitted by Deborah Conklin

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