

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

**Members Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Alex Palluzzi Jr.-Director

**Call To Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 by Chair Paul Criscuolo.

Opening comments, by Chair Criscuolo, offering the Board's condolences to Bimmie Herget, upon the passing of her husband Joe Herget.

**Approval of February 8, 2023 Minutes:**

Motion made by Bimmie Herget /Second Bill O'Brien  
Motion approved.

**Correspondence**

- Alex Palluzzi received a letter from the Society of Nepalese in America requesting support for an upcoming cultural event.
- Event plans include a parade and activities on the Green.

Motion by Bill O'Brien – To allow the use of Community House grounds to stage the event.  
Seconded by Deborah Conklin  
Motion approved.

**Public Comment**

- None

**Directors Report – Presented by Alex Palluzzi**

- **Building**
  - Fully operational and being well utilized.
  - Basketball tournaments are on-going
- **Parks/Grounds/Facilities**
  - Foote Park - Planning to open pickleball courts on March 21, 2023
    - Considering building out additional pickleball counts at other parks.
  - Foote Park – basketball court being re-enforced

- Foote Park - Splash pad is progressing, no official ETA for completion
  - 2023 disbursement from Foote Trust is \$304,000.
  - Bayview Park – Improvements of basketball court underway
  - Received a \$76,000 grant, from the State of CT , to improve/upgrade the ground surface of playground.
  - Parker Park – benches and picnic tables have been re-painted.
  - Holiday Parade – working on making improvements to Santa and Mrs. Claus’ mode of transportation.
- **Asst Director’s Report** – Presented by Alex Palluzzi
    - Spring 2023 Brochure is pending release
    - Expecting to take delivery of the Show-Mobile on May 19
      - Recreation department will be responsible for scheduling.

### **Old business**

- **AED’s**
  - Reviewed proposal from Cardio Partner for the purchase of 14 portable AED’s
  - Locations for installation include 12 parks, and fields at BHS and WIS

Motion by Bill O’Brien – To approve funding for 14 AED’s, from special funds, contingent on obtaining a bid waiver from the Bd of Selectmen.  
 Second Bimmie Herget  
 Motion approved.

### **New business**

- 2023 Budget
  - Budget increase of 2.05% has been proposed
- Chair Criscuolo received an inquiry about the use Branford park/or field space for archery – the matter is being researched.
- The April Recreation Board meeting is cancelled. A special meeting will be held, if necessary.
- Bimmie Herget thanked the Board for their condolences and support.

**Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:32

A motion was made for adjournment – 1<sup>st</sup> Deborah Conklin/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill O’Brien  
 Motion approved.

Minutes submitted by Deborah Conklin  
 March 8, 2023