

**Branford Board of Recreation
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2017**

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Alex Palluzzi Jr.-Director
Dale Izzo-Assistant Director

I Call To Order:

This meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Chairman, Paul Criscuolo.

II Approval of 10-11-2017 meeting minutes:

Tabled as they were not available

III Correspondence:

Alex read several thank you notes from the Short Beach Association, the Branford Garden Club, the Principal at Sliney for accommodating parking during the renovations, and the Party in the Park Committee from the Branford Hills celebration. The department was also issues a law suit regarding and injury that happened at the Hammer Field Playground. A letter was also received form Probate Court inviting us to the Hearing of the Foote Trust.

IV Public Comment: None

V Director's Report:

- **Community House:** Alex updated us on the Renovations
- **Foote Park:** The Foote Park playground roof is being replaced as well as 2 backstops and the fencing around the main diamond. Foote Park will remain open until the first week of December as it is has been a mild fall. The tennis nets will be up through Thanksgiving.
- **Veteran's Park:** The soccer field have been re-done.
- **Other facilities:** We are providing supervision at the schools where we are using the facilities, The skate park will be on hold. There was a lot of damage in many of the parks from the wind storms that we had. We might have to sub contract some of this work out. Our department and PW are trying to do most of the work.
- **Parker Park:** The fencing has been completed around the playground
- **Budge:** During the budget season we need to consider another full time position with taking on the responsibilities of Parker Park, Branford Hills and the new renovated CH.

Alex said that his Capital and Facilities Report was the same as February's report.

VI Assistant Director's Report:

Dale Izzo reported that Fall Registration went well and that the department continues to educate the public as to our temporary location and project updates. Toddler Classes are taking place at the VFW and it has worked out nicely. We are holding evening classes at Murphy School and the VFW. Afternoon Adventures is running at Sliney School. The Annual Men's Basketball League is almost completed with most of the games being held at the CH and the season will finish up using WIS and BHS. We are hosting afterschool basketball at all three elementary schools and want to thank FRC and the schools for welcoming us in to share their space. Our Toddler Truck of Treat was a huge success with over 80 toddlers strolling through. Thank you to all the town departments and businesses that participated. The annual Family Day celebration was held on the green. The Holiday Tree Lighting and Parade will be held November 25th. To date we have over 25 groups registered. WIS has finally opened so we were able to resume our Learn to Swim programs and open back up for public swim.

Upcoming events:

- Winter Registration: December 7th
- Branford Sports Hall of Fame: November 17th
- Holiday Tree Lighting and Parade: November 25th
- Camp away Plan: New to the department for families to start pre-paying for camps. Starts January 14th
- Alex and Vic will be attending the CRPA Conference Nov. 20th & 21st. Charlotte Mattei, one of our most valuable volunteers will be honored during the awards ceremony on the 21st with the ABCD Award~ Above and Beyond the Call of Duty.

VII Old Business:

A discussion was heard about whether our board should have some input into the outdoor facilities plan for the WIS project to make sure that we are addressing all the needs for field usage.

VIII New Business:

None

IX Election of Officers 2017-2018:

- A motion was made to appoint Paul Criscuolo as Chairman of the Board
Passed 5-0
- A motion was made to appoint Helen "Bimmie" Herget as Clerk for the Board
Passed 5-0

A meeting schedule as set for the 2018 Board Meetings. See attached

Next Meeting:

December 13, 2017

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Bimmie and second by Jeannine at 8:45p.m.

Board of Recreation
2018 Regular Meeting Schedule
2nd Wednesday - 7:00 PM - Canoe Brook Senior Center

1-10-2018

2-14-2018

3-14-2018

4-11-2018

5-9-2018

6-13-2018

7-11-2018

8-8-2018

9-12-2018

10-10-2018

11-14-2018

12-12-2018