

**Branford Board of Recreation  
Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 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

**Guest:**

Laurie Gwiazda  
Valerie Zielinski

**I Call To Order:**

This meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chairman, Paul Criscuolo.

**II Approval of 11-15-17 meeting minutes:**

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes.

1. Deb Conklin
2. Jeanne Crowley

**III Correspondence:**

Alex read a thank you note from the Joe Tiskus Family about the dedication of Tiskus Way at Foote Park and an email thank you from a resident on Brushy Plains Road about the wonderful job clearing the sidewalks about the recent snow storm.

**IV Public Comment:** The board heard a presentation about a memorial wall to be constructed for the Joe Trapasso Gymnasium in memory of Ben Callahan.

**V Director's Report:**

- **Community House:** Alex updated us on the Renovations: a clerk of the works has been hired, the pilings are scheduled to begin going in next week. They are completing the abatement.
- **Foote Park:** The softball renovation has been completed. We are planning on a capital project of tennis court fencing. The roofs have been replaced on all the playground gazebos and roofs. The grant has been submitted to the Foote Trust.
- **Other facilities:** All fields at Sliney Field, Flax Mill and Veteran's Park have been seeded. Flax Mill Soccer Field Parking lot renovation is complete.

**VI Assistant Director's Report:**

Dale Izzo reported that Fall Registration classes are wrapping up and winter registration has begun. She thanked everyone who was involved with the Holiday Tree Lighting and Parade this year. It was the biggest event and all went very well. We continue to use space at the VFW and the schools for our programs. We have been able to take those elementary students that were on the waitlist for basketball to accommodate them. We continue to run many aquatics programs. We have many holiday programs going on with our department with Calls from Santa, write to Santa, and the holiday house decorating contest. This month we will be celebrating Monica's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of employment.

**Upcoming events:**

- Spring Registration begins March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Teen Travel Registration begins March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Summer Camp Registration April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**VII Old Business:**

none

**VIII New Business:**

None

**Next Meeting:**

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**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Bill and second by Bimmie at 8:30 p.m.