

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

Matt Raduski, Chairman of The Parker Park Commission.

I Call To Order:

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

II Approval of 2-8-2017 meeting minutes:

Motion made by Jeanne Crowley and seconded by Deborah Conklin to approve 2-8-2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

III Correspondence:

None

IV Public Comment:

Chairman Paul Criscuolo asked Matt Raduski, Chairman of The Parker Park Commission to take over the meeting in order to review and discuss the Commission Recommendations sent to Paul Criscuolo who sent it to each of the members of the Recreation Board.

The Recommendations were put together by all of the members of the Parker Park Commission listing the Commission Efficiency with regard to Budgetary and Operational Issues with Transfer of the Budget to the Board of Recreation, March 6, 2017.

The first 4 recommendations listed the activities the Commission would continue to do. The 5th, 6th, 7th recommendations listed in what activities the Commission would coordinate with the Department of Recreation. The final section described that the Commission has had positive feedback from parkgoers by scheduling cleaning and maintenance using the established daily scheduling guidelines.

Questions and discussion followed and concluded with a mutually appreciated regard for both groups working in concert for the continued care and enjoyment of Parker Park by Branford residents.

V Director's Report:

Budget: Alex handed the Board the schedule for department budget presentations to the Board of Finance starting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2017. In addition Alex gave us a summary sheet of the Recreation Department Budget being presented. Alex and Matt had explained that Matt would join Alex with Al Russel to present this budget.

Alex then called our attention to the agenda of the Representative Town Meeting for this evening, Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. The 4th item was to consider, and if appropriate, act on the following proposed resolution which was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Finance held January 30, 2017. It was entitled: "RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FOR RESTROOM TRAILER FACILITIES AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$100,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPREATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE". A short discussion with questions and answers clarified the description and placement of this facility for the Board.

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

In Progress:

1. Community House Addition & Renovation (pending start date, June 1, 2017)
2. Flax Mill Soccer Field Parking Lot Renovation, (delayed, Spring 2017)

On The Horizon:

1. Hammer Field Playground Phase II (toddlers -5 year olds) installation. (pending location)
2. Hammer Field Skate Park relocation. (pending location)
3. Vet's Park Parking Lot Capital Renovation. (Spring 2017)
4. Bayview Park, Pardee Park, Basketball Courts Renovation.
5. Branford Hills Basketball Courts Capital Renovation. (Spring 2017)
6. Foote Park Long Term Capital Project Plan. (continuing, Spring 2017)

Foote Park Grant completed and handed in. Looks likely.

VI Assistant Director's Report:

Dale Izzo arrived at the end of the meeting and gave us copies of the Hospice Pool schedule and the Flyer about a Fund Raiser to benefit *The Branford Jazz Music Scholarship Fund*. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2017 and presented by Branford Jazz Concert Series and Stony Creek Brewery. This is an evening of music by Jay Rowe Trio, beer, and a food truck. The So all are invited to come and enjoy an evening of live Jazz. Ticket Price is \$25.00 per person.

VII Old Business:

Deborah Conklin raised a question about the Spring Program Bulletin in that she didn't see any mention of our Smoke Free Policy which was introduced in the previous Winter Program Bulletin. Alex reviewed the Bulletin and agreed and said he would look into what happened. After a short discussion we strongly recommended that every bulletin contain the Branford Parks & Facilities Smoke Free Policy as stated in the Winter Bulletin:

"Smoking is prohibited at all properties under the control of the Branford Recreational Department at all times, including but not limited to: buildings, grounds, entrances, sidewalks, parking lots, and beaches. Smoking is defined as the use of: cigarettes, pipes, cigars, and other devices that produce smoke including electronic cigarettes and water pipes.

VIII New Business:

None

Next Meeting:

April 12, 2017

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Bill O'Brien and second by Deborah Conklin at 8:00p.m.