

**Branford Board of Recreation
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2018**

Members Present:

Paul Criscuolo~ Chairman
Deborah Conklin
Bill O'Brien
Bimmie Herget

Staff Present:

Alex Palluzzi, Jr.
Dale Izzo

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman, Paul Criscuolo

II. Approval of meeting minutes/ Special Meeting minutes

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from 8-5-18 with the change that the board approved the May 10th meeting minutes not April 11th

1. Deborah Conklin 2nd: Bimmie Herget passed 4-0

A motion was made to approve the special meeting minutes from 9-5-2018

1. Bimmie Herget 2nd: Deborah Conklin passed

III. Correspondence: None

IV. Public Comment: None

V. Directors Report:

Foot Park: the fields have been reseeded under the capital project. The Eagle Scout project: Gaga Ball is set to be installed as of October 20th. Prep is being done this week.

Parker Park: The Bocci Court fencing project is complete.

Community House: Alex gave an update on the project. This past weekend several trees were removed as the site for safety. There are plans to replant trees. The project is about 50% complete.

Other Facilities: Organic applications have been applied to all the fields. The 4th ward fencing project has been completed. The Pardee Park Short Beach Playground installation is set to start the second week of November with an opening in early December. Thank you to PW for their help with removing the old playground. The Hammer Field Playground Phase II is pending. Branford Hills Park irrigation has been installed and the electricity will be installed and should be completed in November. Flax Mill Soccer field has been reseeded. The portal restrooms have been opened in Madera Park until October 15th.

VI. **Assistant Directors Report:**

- **Fall Registration.** Registration began on September 6th. We are offering some new afterschool programs at the three elementary schools. Enrollment has been very promising in these programs. The Toddler Program started again utilizing the Willoughby Wallace Library.
- **Adult and Evening Programs:** We are offering more Bridge Lessons and our evening exercise programs are starting back up.
- **Theatre Arts:** We will be offering a Fall/winter theater program production of Elf, Jr. We have 8 students enrolled to date. The show dates will be December 13th & 14th. Colin and Mike will be directing for us again.
- **Aquatics:** Our swimming lesson program is full for the Fall. Lessons start date had to postpone due to construction at WIS. The staff at WIS has been very supportive to our needs during this process. The pool opened for public swim the week of September 24th.
- **Special Events:**
 - a. The Holiday Tree Lighting & Parade is scheduled for November 24th with a rain date of November 25th.
 - b. Toddler Truck or Treat: October 24th at Foote Park. We have several town departments and business from the community that will be decorating their trunks.
 - c. Toddler Holiday Party: Calls from Santa and Write to Santa & Holiday House Decorating Contest.
 - d. Annual Goblin Giveaway.
- **New Classes/Programs:** Enrichment classes at all three elementary Schools: Read and Paint with Fired Up, Play with Clay at Fired Up.
- **Bus Trips:** We have partnered with North Branford Parks and Recreation to offer a trip the NYC to see Aladdin on Broadway.
- **Special Community Events:** Family Day that was very successful offering games and marketing materials about our department. RENT the Musical has been cancelled as we could not obtain the rights, Broadway in Branford will take place instead. The Elks Soccer Shoot, Assisting with Light the Night
- **Other:** We have been posting on social media about our department and programs to boost our exposure in the community.
- **375th Anniversary Celebration of Branford:** Our Department met with the First Selectman Office and our department will be spearheading the celebration. More information will be coming soon.

Upcoming events and Activities:

- Broadway In Branford: October 19th with a rain date of October 21st
- Holiday Tree Lighting and Parade: November 24th
- Winter Registration: December 6th

VII. Old Business:

Paul followed up on the correspondence regarding the use of Hammer 2. The policy was explained that the board had set a few years back.

VIII. New Business:

It was suggested that we utilize BCTV to highlight our department.

Next Meeting:

November 14, 2018

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Bill O'Brien and seconded by Bimmie Herget at 8:10 PM, passed 5-0