

Branford Board of Recreation
Joe Trapasso Community Center
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2021

Members Present:

Paul Criscuolo, Chair
Deborah Conklin
Jeanne Crowley
Helen "Bimmie" Herget
Bill O'Brien

Staff Present:

Alex Paluzzi, Jr

Guest:

None

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM by Chair, Paul Criscuolo.
A motion was made to accept the monthly minutes from May 12, 2021
1st: Jeanne Crowley 2nd: Bimmie Herget Passed : 4-0

II. Correspondance : None

III. Directos Report

- Community House : Masking policy is being re-evaluated. Once a decision is made signage will be updated. Hoping to expand usage of the building as COVID restrictions decrease.
- Parks/Grounds/Facilities: We continue to work on the fields to keep them in shape for spring/summer usage.
- Parker Park: The handicap mat has been installed. Alex will work on getting a public announcement made about the enhanced beach access.
- Hospice Pool: We are working on enhancing the swim schedule/programs and improving the guest flow in/around the pool.
- Veteran's Park: The lighting project is still in the works – taking into consideration repairs and functionality of the park.

IV. Assistant Directors Report

Alex presented Dale's report, in her absence.

- Summer Camp Registration.
 - We have increased the hours of camps to accommodate working parents – expanding to 8:30 – 4:00. We expect camp sessions to begin filling up once the school year ends.
 - Branford Parks and Recreation Shoreline Theater Company has two -3 week sessions planned. We have re-branded to include our department name in the new logo. We continue to focus on essential ‘wrap around’ services for working parents and have partnered with Chartwells and BOE to help provide meals to children throughout the summer.

- Adult and Evening Programs. We continue to offer exercise programs. We are seeking new programs and are hoping to bring back others – as we continue to re-open, post COVID.
- Aquatics. The Hospice pool is slated to open June 19th for pass members. We are offering Aquacise, Parent and Toddler Swim lessons. Lifeguards are in place at Branford Point Beach.
- Special Events. Music on the green continues to grow.
- Special Community Events. The annual fireworks display will take place on June 26th with a rain date of June 27th, to be staged at Foote Memorial Park.
- Employees. We are in the process of hiring summer camp and theater arts camp counselors and lifeguards.

V. Upcoming events:

- Annual Fire Works Display – June 26th/rain date June 27th
- Summer Theater Camp – beginning the week of June 21st
- Hospice pool/Branford point – open for the season June 19th
- Summer Camp Under the Sun, Little Explorers, Teen Adventure – begins the week of June 28th

VI. Old business: None

VII. New Business: None

Next Meeting: July 14, 2021

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn 8:10PM

1st: Bill O’Brien

2nd: Bimmie Herget

Passed: 4-0