

**Branford Board of Recreation
Joe Trapasso Community Center
March 12, 2025**

Board Members:

- √- Paul Criscuolo, Chairman
- √- Helen "Bimmie" Herget, Clerk
- √- Jeanne Crowley
- √ - Nancy Drevins
- √ - William O'Brien

Staff:

- √- Dale Izzo, Director

Guest:

I. **Call to order**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm, by Chairman, Paul Criscuolo.

A Motion was made to approve the January Minutes from 1/8/2025
1st: Jeanne Crowley 2nd: Nancy Drevins Motion passed 3 -0

A motion was made to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from 2/12/2025.
1st: Nancy Drevins 2nd: Bimmie Herget Motion passed 4 -0

II. **Correspondences:** none

III. **Public Comments:** none

IV. **Directors Report:**

Community House: We are making slow but steady changes bring the two departments together making it one. We will be going to one software platform starting in July. We are also in the process of hiring a part-time cook to cook one day per week and see how that goes.

Activities, Programs & Special Events:

Our Summer Camps went live on March 3, at 12:00 am, they were pretty much all filled up by 9:30 am. Our Spring/Summer brochure was released with exciting new programming. We are working on events that encompass the Recreation Department as well as the Senior Center. Such as a bus trip to Yankee Stadium this July for all ages.

Parks, Grounds and Facilities:

Veteran's Park: The new playground at Veteran's Park project is to begin around April 1st.

Foot Park: We are looking into replacing the playground at Foote Park. The trust has awarded us the grant for the upcoming fiscal year. The first payment was received last week.

The Bocce Courts: The Bocce Courts are almost complete. Thank you Gary and PW for your hard work. We hope to have a ceremony with the Eagle Scout to open them at the beginning of May

Parker Park: We are looking into replacing a vehicle at Parker Park and it is in the capital improvement of the FY 2026 budget.

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V. Old Business:

Budget FY2026: The Budgets for both Park & Recreation and Elderly Services were presented to the board and then will be presented Monday, March 17th to the Board of Finance. There is talk about combine budgets next year.

Our largest increase this year is in the utilities line item. We anticipated that last years and when we requested funds from the Foote Trust we earmarked monies for this. We have had an increase in overtime due to field usage/building usage.

Staffing: We are currently still in the process of hiring a new Assistant Director for Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services. Interviews are scheduled for later in the week.

Facility & Field Policy: no action

VII. New Business:

Stony Creek Fife & Drum: We received a letter from Joe Mooney, from Stony Creek Fife & Drum, asking for the use of Hammer Field for the Muster in 2026. Dale will follow up with them regarding the request for alcohol on site tent and if they want that they will have to go through the proper channels to do so.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at was made at 8:48 pm

1st: Nancy Drevins 2nd: Bimmie Herget Motion passed 4 -0

Respectfully submitted by: Kelly Gesuero