

**Branford Board of Recreation  
Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2019**

**Members Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Alex Palluzzi, Jr.  
Dale Izzo

**Guest Present:**

John Waskevich  
Jay Babina & Frank Carrano~Branford Arts Grp  
First Selectman James B Cosgrove

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman, Paul Criscuolo

**II. Approval of meeting minutes**

The October 2019 meeting minutes were approved with one change.  
2018→2019 on the date of the meeting.

A motion was made: 1<sup>st</sup>: Deborah Conklin 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeanne Crowley passed 4-0

The August meeting minutes could not be approved as they were not present.

A motion was made to move Public Comment to be the first agenda item.

1<sup>st</sup>: Bill O'Brien 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeanne Crowley passed 4-0

**III. Correspondence: None**

**IV. Public Comment:** John Waskevich was present and the First Selectman updated him on the progress of the Bocce Courts at Parker Park. They will look at them in the Spring.

Jay and Frank Carrano addressed the board about using the Joe Trapasso Community House for monthly art shows to showcase arts that live in town.

They stated that they wanted the artwork to blend in with the building and not be disruptive in anyway. The public would be able to come in a view the artwork. The board was in favor of this idea. The Chairman asked to come up with a proposal as to where in the building would be the ideal locations and to set up a meeting with Alex and Dale. They are thinking that January would be a nice time to begin to kick off the New Year. They were also going to suggest a way to hang the artwork and get some pricing. They suggested looking at the Willoughby Wallace set up.

**V. Directors Report:**

Alex gave an overview of how it has been going since moving back to the renovated building. He has been having meetings about the building and addressing some of the issues that have aroused. The building is under

warranty. Outside we continue to do a lot of work with the fields; organic work and overseeing. We also continue to do clean ups of the parks. Soccer and football are coming to an end.

**VI. Assistant Directors Report:**

Dale gave a detailed report about the activities and programs that are taking place now and what programs have been moved back into the building. All programming should be back and running after the New Year. Our afterschool program will return in January. The afternoon enrichment programs will continue to run in the schools as parents like the wrap around services. She reported on the major community events that will be taking place through November and December, the biggest one being the Holiday Tree Lighting and Parade set for November 30<sup>th</sup> followed by First Night Branford on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. She passed out the new Winter Brochure with registration starting on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming events and Activities:**

- BSHOF Dinner: November 22<sup>nd</sup>
- CRPA Luncheon at Mohegan Sun: November 26<sup>th</sup> honoring Alex Palluzzi, Jr for the Distinguished Service Award
- Holiday Tree Lighting and Parade: November 30<sup>th</sup>
- Winter Registration: December 5<sup>th</sup>
- First Night Branford: January 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Branford Parks & Recreation & STC performance of Frozen Jr. January 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>
- Branford 375<sup>th</sup> Year in Review: January 16<sup>th</sup>

**VII. Old Business:**

No old business was addressed

**VIII. New Business:** Bill O'Brien brought to the board attention that we should do some research on the plaques that are hanging on the outside of the first floor entrance. Who were these service man? More discussion will be heard at upcoming meetings.

**IX. Election of Officers:**

A motion was made to appoint Helen Bimmie Herget as the clerk for the board

1<sup>st</sup>: Jeanne Crowley 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bill O'Brien passed 4-0

A motion was made to appoint Paul Criscuolo as the Chairman for the board

1<sup>st</sup>: Helen Bimmie Herget 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bill O'Brien passed 4-0

The calendar of meetings was set and motion was made to accept.

1<sup>st</sup>: Paul Criscuolo 2<sup>nd</sup>: Debroah Conklin

**Next Meeting:**

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:34 PM

1<sup>st</sup>: Jeanne Crowley 2<sup>nd</sup>: Deborah Conklin passed 5-0