

**Branford Board of Recreation  
Joe Trapasso Community Center  
Meeting Minutes  
July 10 2024**

**Board Members:**

- √- Paul Criscuolo, Chairman
- √- Helen "Bimmie" Herget, Clerk~
- √- Deborah Conklin
- √ - Jeanne Crowley
- √ - William O'Brien arrived at 7:15p

**Staff:**

- √- Alex Palluzzi, Jr. Director
- √- Dale Izzo, Assistant Director

**Guest:**

None

**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 May meeting minutes from 5-8-2024.  
1<sup>st</sup>: Deb Conklin                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Bimmie Herget                      Motion passed 4 -0

**II. Correspondences:** We received a letter from the Community Foundation awarding us a 3000.00 grant for music on the green  
Alex shared a press release about the ground-breaking ceremony for the WIS field project this Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 9AM

**III. Public Comments:** none

**IV. Directors Report:**

**Community House:** The Air conditioning is still not working properly and it is in the hands of GGB and the town attorney is involved.

**Parks, Grounds and Facilities:** The netting is completed at the 50/70 field at Hammer. The post tension basketball court at Foote is complete and the bid for the Clay Courts at Foote Park are finished and just opened this past week. We just took delivery on a new truck and will go into service tomorrow. The 2004 Nissan has come off the road and will be going to PW for auction. We will be picking up the EV9 KIA tomorrow. This is an all-electric vehicle for the office staff. The renovation project of the grandstand is complete and the Eagle Scout was honored. The Bocce courts will be started in the lot next to the parking lot at the Community House. Alex is working with another Eagle Scout on this project. Veteran's

Park lighting is complete for now. We will need to address the drainage of the field there. Softball at Foote will be getting the netting and dug outs with the grant that we received from the Branford Community Foundation. We are still waiting on the grant application for the Veteran's Park playground replacement. The Tennis Courts/Pickleball courts cracks will be addressed.

#### **V. Assistant Directors Report:**

Summer Camps started last week. We have 260 Summer Playground Campers plus 13 Counselors-In-Training, 43 Teen Travelers and 20 Little Explorers each session. There is 67 Campers involved with the Theatre Camp that started the last week of June.

**Theatre:** The Something Rotten show was a huge success. Great job by all.

**Special Events:** There is many events happening on the green; Musical Mondays, Way Back Wednesdays, and the Jazz Series. Jazz started the last Thursday of June and resumes tomorrow night for the next 8 Thursdays. The snowmobile is getting a lot of use.

**Pool:** The WIS pool is open and we are planning to keep it open through the end of July. Hospice opened on time. This has allowed us to increase swimming for our campers. The lifeguards are constantly training to practice their skills.

#### **VI. Old Business:**

**Facility & Field Policy:** no action taken at this time.

**AED Update:** They continuing to be installed in the parks. Thank you to Brendan Leddy for having one installed at the track/Football Field at BHS.

**Budget FY2025:** Our budget passed. The 2024 budget was very tight as we got to the end of the fiscal year. We are going back to the Board of Finance for some transfers within our budget.

**VII. New Business:** Deb Conklin was appointed to the Board of Finance.

**Next Meeting:** August 14, 2024

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm

1<sup>st</sup> Bimmie Herget                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Deb Conklin                                      passed 5-0

Submitted by: Dale B Izzo