

**Branford Board of Recreation
Joe Trapasso Community Center
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2024**

Board Members:

- √- Paul Criscuolo, Chairman
- √- Helen “Bimmie” Herget, Clerk
- √- Deborah Conklin
 Jeanne Crowley
- √ - William O’Brien arrived at 7:19p

Staff:

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

Guest:

None

I. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Chairman, Paul Criscuolo. A motion was made to approve the August meeting minutes from 8-14-2024.

1st: Bimmie Herget 2nd: Bill O’Brien Motion passed 3 -0

II. **Correspondences:** none

III. **Public Comments:** none

IV. **Directors Report:**

Community House: Alex has been named Interim Director of The Canoe Brook Senior Center. Changes are being made, a lot more programming and transportation has increased. The parking lot at the Community House has been redirected with one way in and out. All parking spaces have been relined and the arrows are not done.

The Community House has been extremely busy with tons of meetings and activities. The building is very utilized. We have been having some senior programs downstairs as well, such as 3 bridge classes. We’re hosting a football night once a month upstairs at the Senior Center with light refreshments and trivia. We’re also hoping to get more tv’s upstairs.

Parks, Grounds and Facilities: Lights were delivered and service has been set up on September 13th, to the 100 yard football field at Hammer Field. The field is taking a beating, we’ve been inundated with sports. Field hockey practice is taking place for the first time at Foote Park.

The lights at Foote Park at the tennis courts are not working. There needs to have new wires from the building to the sign. We're in the process of getting pricing for this. We've changed classes that were to take place at Foote Park to Veteran's Park. The lights are working fine there. The parking lots at Foote Park and Flax Mill Soccer field have been realigned and Flax Mill Soccer field has been reseeded. Vets Park has other projects that will be taking place that will be funded by the state. The basketball hoops have been replaced at Branford Hills.

V. Assistant Directors Report:

Fall Programming is ready for registration and live on our website. We're very excited to offer some great activities. Ricky celebrated his 1 year anniversary on September 11th, he is such a great asset to our department. The Connecticut State Department of Education Grant is finalized and all the required documentation is submitted so that we will the \$100,000.00, to reimburse us.

Pool: The WIS Pool opened back up on September 9th. The Hospice Pool is now closed for the season. We are very grateful to Lisa Rathsack who supervised all the life guards and kept everyone on their toes.

Special Events: The last of our Summer Jazz Series is September 12th. The whole Summer Concert Series was a huge success.

VI. Old Business:

Facility & Field Policy: The stove in Senior Center is being serviced, the pilots were not working.

Budget FY2025: We came within budget for 2024. Next year we will be asking the Foote Trust for more money due to the watering of the courts and the Splash Pad.

VII. New Business:

She has accepted a position on the Board of Finance and will be resigning from the Board of Recreation. Thank you Deb for all you have done. We will miss you! Of course, you are welcome as guest/visitor anytime.

VIII: Executive Session: none

Next Meeting: October 9, 2024

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm

1st Bimmie Herget

2nd: Bill O'Brien

passed 4-0

Submitted by: Kelly Gesuero