

**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FOR JANUARY  
Monday, November 29, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:05PM by Chairman Guadagnino, held via Zoom (84431236867) under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Guadagnino, Bleeker, La Terra, Scalabrini, Logatto, Saliani, and Hagerman. Commissioner Coira was absent. Councilman Van Eck was also present.

**Chairman Guadagnino** requested for a motion to excuse Commissioner Coira. A motion to excuse Commissioner Coira was made by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner Scalabrini. The motion passed unanimously. With Steve now Councilman-elect and leaving the commission, Commissioner Logatto will assume the role as field scheduler, and asked that Steve and he work together to transfer the role over to Dan.

**Chair's Report:** Chairman Guadagnino stated there was currently an open seat on the commission and will have a second when Commissioner Saliani leaves. The Mayor is actively interviewing applicants. After working with Commissioner Hagerman, we've decided to elevate Steve Catalano to the position of football director. This will free Brian up to be commissioner of both baseball and football while having an elite deputy running the day to day operations of football.

**Open Session-** As there were no public in attendance at the time of the public session, no public session was held.

**Approval of previous months minutes-** A motion to approve the October 2021 regular meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Bleeker and seconded by Commissioner Scalabrini. The motion passed unanimously.

**The following reports were made and unanimously accepted.**

**BASEBALL** – Comm. Hagerman – Teams have been made for travel. Looking to get into a new league in the spring the ASBL because we feel it's a better run league and the teams are more local. We are 99% approved to join Little League International for tball-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Will soon be Oakland Little League. We are part of District 2. It will take some time to get fully into Little League. Recreation is open to all children and Little League will be the top kids from the travel teams. We would like to create a logo down the road for the Little League program.

**BASKETBALL** – Comm. Saliani – All uniform orders are in. We have one team with issues. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls only 9 kids. Working with Wycoff

**FOOTBALL** – Comm. Hagerman – Our 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade Pee Wees won the NBJFL Superbowl against Ramsey. This is the highest level championship we have ever won. The team finished 9 and 1. Tomorrow night is our big Football and Cheer Dinner at the Brownstone.

**GOLF** – Comm. Bleeker – No Report

**ROLLER HOCKEY** – Comm. Bleeker – Our numbers are way up. Jerseys are ordered. Hoping there's no delay. Expecting arrival in time for games. First practice was tonight for the midget level. Our highest numbers ever for clinic, 44 kids. We may have an additional 4 so we might be close to 50. We are at a point where we may have more interest in the midgets than we have space for. Junior level we are light at 11 but may call some up. With seniors we have 17 with possibly 2 more from Ridgewood coming. We do have a few out of towners playing. Our banners are ready and should be up for the start of the season. Waiting on the schedule from league. We still need to reschedule the presentation with the town Council.

**SOCCER** – Comm. Saliani – Season is over. Another great season. All equipment is being returned this weekend.

**SOFTBALL** – Comm. Logatto – Signups for softball will take place the first week of January.

**SPECIAL NEEDS** – Comm. Scalabrini – Football ended on the 21<sup>st</sup>. It was a great season. They had great weather. Now starting basketball and they will start January 9<sup>th</sup>- March 13<sup>th</sup> and registration is happening now.

**TENNIS** – Comm. Scalabrini – Tennis season and pickleball are over. The lights will be off starting this week.

**WRESTLING** – Comm. Logatto – Just started practices tonight. Currently have 74 wrestlers, but the number are still going up. Practices are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and do 2 sessions per night. Beginners 6-7:15 and 7:30-9 for the more advanced group. Things are still at NJ Sports House. Matches will begin in January going through Mid-February and a big Oakland Invitational Tournament will be held on Saturday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>. Indian Hills has been great with it with only rule of masks. No restrictions for spectators.

**CHEERLEADING** –Comm. LaTerra – Equipment is in. Looking forward to tomorrow's end of season dinner.

**LACROSSE** – Comm. Coira – No report

**SUMMER CAMP** – Chair Guadagnino- No Report

**PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS** - Chair Guadagnino- Lights are now off for tennis. Will be setting a the field lights (playground, parking lots, field 6 and the roller rink) until 8:30 everynight for the path walkers. Fields should be closed.

**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS** –Comm. Laterra – No Report

**MOUNTAIN BIKE** – Comm. Hagerman – No Report

**VOLLEYBALL** –Comm. Coira – No Report

**CAPITAL PROJECTS** –

**Tennis Court-** Waiting to hear back from Borough Engineer. We are hoping to do it once the weather gets nice. Chairman Guadagnino requests Councilman Van Eck helps stay on top of it as the commission has completed its work to have the courts open by the beginning of spring, just waiting on the borough.

**Field 8-** reconditioning begins tomorrow. Sod held up well. Met with the contractor who laid the sod and DPW to discuss what needs to be done to condition it. They will heavily seed it and fertilize it. The field will be shut down until baseball starts.

**Danny D Refurbishing** began on Saturday. It should be shut down for the next couple weeks. They are working hard on it and it's looking good. We still need shelving which will be funded by monies in the Danny D building.

**COMMITTEE REPORT** – No Report

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION** – No Report

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – Field Calendar- We need to start transitioning things Steve was responsible for as he has joined the Borough Council. Commissioner Logatto will be taking the calendar over.

We have 2 open commission seats that they are working on filling.

*Calendar for 2022-*

January 24- Regular and Reorganization

February 28

March 28

April 25

May 22

June 27

July 25

August- No Meeting

September 19

October 24

November 28

December 19

All proposed dates were discussed and approved by the commission.

**LIAISON REPORT-** Councilman Van Eck- Congratulate Commissioner Saliani. Great to work with the Rec Commission. Will be investigating what happened with the hockey awards at council. Seems to be a communication error between Borough staff and Rec Commission over the cancellation. Still working to figure out what happened and need to reschedule.

Chairman Guadagnino asked for support with budgeting. The Recreation Commission had over \$30K left over in its budget. There are needs to upgrade our equipment and uniforms that could be used out of these funds. If we are not permitted this funding goes to the regular town budget which is not fair to the parents who write the checks the accumulated these funds. Commissioner Saliani said we are being punished for being diligent. Councilman Van Eck said he supported us and will work to make sure recreation funds are used for recreation.

**OPEN SESSION-** As there were no public in attendance at the time of the public session, no public session was held.

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner Logatto. The motion passed unanimously.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE HELD on December 20<sup>th</sup> AT 8:00PM.**