

**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Guadagnino, with the Flag Salute, at the Danny D'Elia Recreation Center under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Logatto, Saliani, Scalabrini, King, O'Brien, and Malmud were present. Councilman Coira and Recreation Secretary Lori Dent were also present.

Motion to excuse Comm. Perneti from the meeting was made by Comm. Scalabrini, seconded by Comm. Logatto and passed.

Motion to excuse Comm. Haas from the meeting was made by Comm. Logatto, seconded by Comm. Scalabrini and passed.

The meeting was opened to the public upon motion made by Comm. Malmud, seconded by Comm. Logatto and passed.

There was no public business.

The meeting was closed to the public upon motion made by Comm. Malmud and seconded by Comm. O'Brien and passed.

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2012 meeting was made by Comm. Malmud, seconded by Comm. Saliani and passed.

The following reports were made and upon proper motion unanimously accepted:

BASEBALL – Comm. O'Brien – Rec registrations have closed but we are still taking late registrations. T-ball currently has 6 teams, which is less than last year. Farm league has 10 teams, which is more than last year. Minor and majors have 5 teams but still have more kids coming in. Probably won't get to 6 teams however. There are 4 teams from 7th-9th grade level. We are teaming up with Mahwah at that level to have 14 games. Travel we have 2 8U teams that are broken down evenly by talent. One 9U gold team. 1 10U gold team, 2 11U teams, 1 12U team, 2 13U teams, and 1 14U team. Currently going through purchase requisitions to get season in order.

BASKETBALL – Comm. Malmud – Mike Donovan and one of his workers redid the basketball room. We now have shelves so that everything is off the floor. Need to report two incidences that happened at two games. The 6th grade boys were in the Goats tournament where one of the parents was asked to leave the gym due to his behavior with the referees. Neil has received emails from tournament head stating this parent was a problem. Chairman Guadagnino prepared a letter than went out to parents congratulating the teams that came in second in the tournament; also reminding them of the Code of

Conduct, stating that shouting at coaches and referees, is unacceptable. Comm. Malmud sent an email to the parent that was asked to leave, stating “I understand that you were asked to leave the gym this past weekend at the Goats tournament. As per the Oakland Code of Conduct this spectator behavior is not acceptable. I know you enjoy watching your son play and take the game very seriously. However, even as a spectator you represent Oakland. Being asked to leave the gym due to arguments with referees is not what we want the image to be for Oakland basketball. I know we have not always agreed on everything except that your son has the potential to be a special player. At the end of this season Bob Scalabrini will assume the position of Basketball Commissioner for next season. I am sure you will be able to work with Bob and his staff to help keep this program going forward. However, the one thing we need to agree on now is the need for your good behavior at future games regardless of how good or bad the referees are performing. Please give me a call at home tonight to discuss further. Comm. Malmud never received a call from the offending parent.

An Executive Session Discussion regarding a basketball coaching issue was discussed.

The girls’ season is going very well.

FOOTBALL – Comm. Perneti – No report.

GOLF – Comm. Guadagnino – Has flyer that needs to be approved for the schools to begin spring season.

ROLLER HOCKEY – Comm. Haas – No report.

SOCCER – Comm. Saliani – Sign up dates will be finalized the end of this week.

SOFTBALL – Comm. Logatto – Registration is complete. Late sign ups still coming in. We have 19 teams, had 17 last years. Travel tryouts will take place end of March beginning of April.

SPECIAL NEEDS – Comm. Malmud – There is a new person that has taken over for Jonathan Blake.

TENNIS – Comm. Scalabrini – We have sign up dates just need to get flyer out to school. Getting engineer to look into putting up a wall for handball.

WRESTLING – Comm. King – The season is almost completely over. Had 9 kids win districts and go on to regions. Haven’t received tally of who is going on to states. The year-end dinner will be March 27 at Portobello.

CHEERLEADING – Comm. Perneti – No report.

LACROSSE – Comm. King – Season is starting up. Franklin Lakes just sent out information offering a clinic so that parents and players that have never played can learn the sport for \$30. Comm. King would like to look into getting a group together in Oakland.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Chairman Guadagnino – Has a diagram for bleachers for the Roller Hockey rink. Will wait till Comm. Haas is present next month to discuss.

SUMMER CAMP – Chairman Malmud – Met with Mark Durando last week to go over a few issues. Sign up flyer is ready and on website. His salary was discussed. Lori Dent was asked to look up what Borough increases were over the last 10 years have been so that Mark can be compensated fairly. He hasn't gotten an increase since he started 10 years ago.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS – Comm. Malmud – No report.

KINDERGARTEN CORE - Comm. Saliani – One week left, 64 kids participating. Next year the program will be expanded to K-2.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Walking path – A second survey was done and it is still inconclusive as to where the boundary is. We need to have plan finalized by August to apply for grants.

Pleasureland/Muellers Park – Meeting tomorrow night at 8:00 at council chambers. There will be four presentations.

Delia Bldg. – Painted shelves, still need to paint a few more. New windows are in; they just need to be installed. By next meeting everything should be completed.

COMMITTEE REPORT – No report.

COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSION – Next Rutgers course will be held on March 1st.

February 15th deadline for lanyards. Baseball and softball coaches must have them or they will not be allowed on the field to coach. Anyone with access to the kids in any way must have a lanyard.

OLD BUSINESS

Shed Security update – locks are in. Just need to finish up the programming and start the installation. Lori will keep everyone updated on when system is up and ready to use.

Field usage update – Council will be voted on in two weeks.

Roller Hockey bleachers – no information, it is in the works.

NEW BUSINESS

Comm. King would like to make the commission aware that everyone should treat each other with respect. She feels Chairman Guadagnino was condescending and insulting toward her after he asked her to finish her comment so that the meeting could continue. Comm. King wants it reflected that Chairman Guadagnino literally spelled out the words that Comm. King was saying. Comm. King said that everything she says in for everyone to hear. Chairman Guadagnino disagreed with Comm. King's opinion, but agrees that everyone should be treated with respect which includes not making comments about other commissioners or recreation secretary under one's breath when a person is trying to make a point. Chairman Guadagnino was spelling out words that Comm. King was speaking under her breath about others; he spelled them out so they may be accurately reflected in the minutes.

Comm. Saliani spoke to the Wildcats and discussed the new procedure with them. They were very happy to pay the fee to the rec program instead of paying the water bill. Comm. Saliani asked if anyone had any objections to allowing the use of Truman field before March 15th. Chairman Guadagnino mentioned he should check with Joe first to make sure the field is in proper condition.

RECREATION AID REPORT

Lori Dent – In regards to lanyards, it's easier to release lanyards sport by sport. Eventually everyone will be through. As soon as baseball and softball is complete that should be the bulk of coaches.

Refunds – would like to remind winter sports commissioners that if you have any outstanding refunds, please send Lori an email with the information needed. The best information would be the original registration form. The refund usually takes approximately one month.

Requisitions – as you get ready for your season, if you have an absolute due date please highlight it so that Lori can put it on the PO and stay on top of it.

For SAO encumbrances – prior to SAO releasing a check to the commissioners, Lori needs to receive the requisition to encumber. Once the requisition is approved in the system it will only take a few days to receive the monies from the SAO.

Lori gave copies of the new bid list to the commissioners.

LIASON REPORT

Councilwoman Sandra Coira – The fee schedule ordinances will be introduced at Wednesday's meeting and voted on in two weeks.

Spoke with Councilman Jensen, who is the DPW liaison about the rollerhockey bleachers. The process is still being discussed.

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There was no public business.

The meeting was closed to the public upon motion made by Comm. Saliani, seconded by Comm. O'Brien and passed.

No further business pending and upon motion made by Comm. Scalabrini, seconded by Comm. Logatto and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cheryl Logatto

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION
WILL BE ON MONDAY, MARCH AT 8:00 PM**