

**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 20, 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, O'Brien, Saliani, Haas, King, Malmud, Scalabrini and Perneti were present. Councilman Coira was also present.

The meeting was opened to the public upon motion made by Comm. Malmud, seconded by Comm. O'Brien 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.

Chairman Guadagnino would like to move entire public minutes from April 29, 2013 to the Executive Minutes. A motion was made by Comm. Logatto, seconded by Comm. Malmud and passed. A motion to approve the minutes from the April 29, 2013 meeting was made by Comm. Logatto, seconded by Comm. Haas and passed.

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

BASEBALL – Comm. O'Brien – Rec season is halfway done. Saturday night was the All-Star games for the Minors and Majors on Field 5. Comm. O'Brien said it was one of the more perfect nights that he has had since becoming Commissioner, everything went perfectly. It was a wonderful experience. The travel spring season spring is about over, playoffs are beginning. Both Gold teams are either 1st or 2nd seed in their tournaments. The 9 year olds are in the championship. The Parade has been postponed to June 22nd and will be more of an "end of year" parade. Will plan on starting in the parking lot around field 5 and going around and ending on field 7 where there will be games and food by the D'Elia building. There was a batter on field 5 who swung at a pitch and hit catcher in the head, who was wearing his protective helmet. No one except the boy, the catcher and the ump were aware that it happened. Two days later the mother notified Comm. O'Brien what happened. In a pro-active move Chairman Guadagnino now requires all baseball and softball umpires to have completed the concussion training program. As of today 21 out of 28 umpires have completed it. The travel teams are entering Memorial Day tournaments.

BASKETBALL – Comm. Scalabrini – Working on getting a committee together to begin the process of getting things started for next season.

FOOTBALL – Comm. Perneti – Completed 3 sign-up dates. Numbers are way down from last year. People forget and don't realize sign up is in May. He is expecting a lot of late signups.

GOLF – Chairman Guadagnino – 17 participants in the spring program. All is going well.

ROLLER HOCKEY – Comm. Haas – No report

SOCCER – Comm. Saliani – Currently has about 600 kids signed up for the program. That's 90 down from last year. He is expecting to end up around 650-700.

SOFTBALL – Comm. Logatto – Rec program is mid-season, going well. Travel season is just getting started. Tournaments are starting to come up. Season starts 2nd week of June. All is going fine.

SPECIAL NEEDS – Comm. Malmud – all is going well with the new director.

TENNIS – Comm. Scalabrini – Going fine. Team tennis is starting tomorrow night. Lights for team tennis are permitted to stay on until 11:00 pm.

WRESTLING – Comm. King – No report.

CHEERLEADING – Comm. Perneti – Sign ups have gone well. There are over 100 kids registered however that is down from last year. Expecting late sign ups.

LACROSSE – Comm. King – Has heard from some Franklin Lakes parents & a coordinator that Franklin Lakes is looking to go to an all travel program and do away with the rec. If that is the case, the kids will have to try out for the team. Feels we need to have communication with Franklin Lakes. Chairman Guadagnino asked Councilwoman Coira to look into that. Comm. King is under the impression that Franklin Lakes wants Oakland to create their own program and get out of Franklin Lakes.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Chairman Guadagnino – Playground is open. Mountain bike program starts June 28th. Sign-ups are this week.

SUMMER CAMP – Comm. Malmud – Open camp is full and closed out. Day camp is down about 50/60 kids. There is another sign up on May 21st.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS – Comm. Malmud – The flyers are on the website. There is a girls' softball camp the last week in June & first week of July. There will also be two weeks of basketball camp for both boys and girls in July. Both camps will be run by Coach Leicht. Baseball does not seem interested in doing anything with rec as Coach Hill runs a private program.

KINDERGARTEN CORE - Comm. Saliani – No report.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Walking path – Tomorrow night Chairman Guadagnino is meeting with the Borough Representatives, as well as, the people from Tanglewood to finalize the border on the south side of the rec field. We will soon be applying for grants to fund the walking path.

Pleasureland/Muellers Park – The final presentation to the Mayor & Council has been moved to the June 12th council meeting.

Shed security system – We needed to program the rest of the keys since we have all the locks. We've had trouble with the website and then lost our timeframe to get it done. Lori Dent is going to attempt to ask the vendor to come up and do it for us. Will check with Lori when she is back to find out where that stands.

COMMITTEE REPORT – Hardship waiver – we need some type of private document created to use in the case of a claim for hardship. A policy needs to be made to formalize the process. A form needs to be created so that the commissioners can fill out how many are financial assistance registrations. Chairman Guadagnino asked Comm. Haas to put together a policy that keeps all information completely discreet and private, so we can discuss and possibly adopt at the next commission meeting.

COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSION – Joe from the DPW called Comm. O'Brien to tell him that the PA system that was borrowed came back to him broken and missing pieces. Chairman Guadagnino told him to get Purchase Order and the rec program will replace it and/or fix it. Comm. Malmud made a motion to purchase our own PA system using capital funds up to \$4,000. Comm. Logatto seconded and the motion passed. Comm. Haas will check on prices.

OLD BUSINESS – Present lighting – waiting for Joe to get quotes. The full capital project is planned to be complete by the end of 2014 including lights on field 9. In the mean time we need some ballast & bulbs to patch things up.

Field usage update – Mayor & Council will be voting on it tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

Many people want to donate things for the rec field in memory of Michael Altana. Chairman Guadagnino has been steering people towards hard fixed ideas, such as a bench with some landscaping rather than a memorial tree. He would like to put two benches; one by the football field and one by the roller rink. Comm. Logatto made a motion to approve two benches, seconded by Comm. O'Brien and passed. Dave Altana will be coming down after the meeting to look at the areas designated with Chairman Guadagnino, Comm. Haas and Comm. Perneti.

Comm. Logatto has problems with vendors and quality of products that are coming in. He would like to meet with someone to discuss the vendor list. Comm. O'Brien agreed with Comm. Logatto, as well as there were many complaints about the basketball uniforms. Many times the vendor will not have equipment or uniforms ready until the last possible minute. At that time the sports programs don't have time to return a poor quality or wrong sized item for something better. Many times the uniform and equipment comes in late. The vendor will also tell the commissioners that they can't get the item requested and have to go to another brand item, saying it is of the same quality but in reality it's subpar. Many of the commissioners are very frustrated with the way this is handled and

would like to see some leeway in allowing the commission to get quotes from another source. It makes our programs look bad and does a disservice to the residents who pay for their child to play the sport. Comm. Malmud told Comm. Logatto that he can go to any vendor and if they beat the price or match it, he can purchase from them. There was discussion and disagreement on what actually we can legally do. Councilwoman Coira will check on that and let us know if that is correct.

Comm. Malmud wants to look into a lightening detector system. Chairman Guadagnino is looking into it.

RECREATION AID REPORT

Lori Dent – No report.

LIASON REPORT

Councilwoman Sandra Coira – No report.

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Mark Durando mentioned that Open Camp is closed. Tomorrow is another sign up for day camp. Thinks he should be around 400 with final sign up.

Mark wanted to make sure that Lori has done the paperwork for the bus company. The bus company is looking for them. They need to schedule for the summer ASAP.

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

No further business pending and upon motion made by Comm. Malmud, seconded by Comm. Logatto and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cheryl Logatto

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION
WILL BE ON MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013 AT 8:00 PM**