

**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 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 Haas, Scalabrini, Logatto, Malmud, O'Brien, Saliani and King were present. Recreation Secretary Lori Dent was also present.

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

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

There was no public business.

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the July 29, 2013 meeting was made by Comm. Scalabrini, seconded by Comm. Saliani and passed.

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

BASEBALL – Comm. O'Brien – We have four teams playing fall ball. The 12U tryouts will be this weekend and the following Saturday. Want to establish the 12U team early so that they can begin fundraising for Cooperstown. Remaining tryouts for all other travel teams will be held in December at Ultimate Sports.

BASKETBALL – Comm. Scalabrini – So far we have approximately 440 kids signed up. Registration is complete, only have one late sign up date left. Travel sign ups start Saturday the 12th. Tryouts will be evaluated by an outside company during three Saturday and 2 weeknight tryouts. Dates will be posted on the website within the week for tryouts.

FOOTBALL – Comm. Perneti – No report.

GOLF – Chairman Guadagnino – The fall season is in full swing.

ROLLER HOCKEY – Comm. Haas – We have completed sign ups, just have late sign ups left. There is one more kid signed up than last year.

SOCCER – Comm. Saliani – Season is going well. Had a horrible first two weeks of September due to late sign ups. All but three of the late sign ups were placed on teams.

The three that were not placed were due to parents not accepting placement. We are trying to do a Soctoberfest with 1st and 2nd grade. If it goes well we will expand it to include more age groups next year. We had two injuries so far this season. One 6th grade girl had a bad injury to her knee and the other child had a concussion.

SOFTBALL – Comm. Logatto – Have 3 fall ball teams playing this season. The 12U travel teams were presented with a certificate of achievement from the Mayor and Council.

SPECIAL NEEDS – Comm. Malmud – Flag football has started. They have asked for uniforms and flag equipment which the football program has provided. Still getting emails from out of town people who would like to join the program.

TENNIS – Comm. Scalabrini – The fall season is underway. Steady in enrollment.

WRESTLING – Comm. King – Sign ups were last week. Have about 42 people from Franklin Lakes that didn't pay the \$10 fee. We have reached out to them to get that. Season starts the week after Thanksgiving. We are putting something on the website regarding registration. Cutoff will be at the end of October.

CHEERLEADING – Comm. Perneti – No report.

LACROSSE – Comm. King – Kathy from Franklin Lakes had given us the wrong registration dates. We realized this when we received an email from Jason stating that we had the wrong dates. However, since it was Kathy's fault, Jason is allowing Oakland residents an extra week to register without incurring a late fee.

SUMMER CAMP – Chairman Malmud – Everything finished well. Mark Durando is looking to finalize expenditures. Might have money left over and would like to purchase two more tents to create more shade.

KINDERGARTEN CORE - Comm. Saliani – No report.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Chairman Guadagnino – Shade Tree Commission and Recreation Commission again partnered up to plant 5 new trees at the complex. Trees were donated. The benches that were installed in memory of Michael Altana are completed. There is one by roller rink, one by the D'Elia building /field 7 and one by football field entrance.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS – Comm. Malmud – No report.

MOUNTAIN BIKE – Chairman Guadagnino – Classes are filled. All registered are Oakland residents. We currently have 8 kids registered.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Walking path – settled the issue regarding the boundaries with the Borough Attorney and attorneys from Tanglewood. The Tanglewood residents complained about a party that

was held near field 2 and had loud music this past summer. Chairman Guadagnino spoke with Rich Kunze and they agreed that DJ's will not be allowed near field 2 after a certain hours.

New Key System – everyone should have their keys. 10 more keys should be in this week.

Complex Lights – Project has been approved. Engineering survey is being worked on so it can go out to bid. Lights should be completed by the spring.

Backstops – Project is out to engineering then will go out to bid. Project should be completed by late December.

Scoreboard – Comm. Logatto, Chairman Guadagnino, Jason & Joe have been working on scoreboard for field 2. The Mayor and Council should approve it at the next meeting. Three of the panels will go out to advertisers and the Fathers club will get the fourth panel since they have donated all of the materials.

Footballs scoreboard needs the have some lights fixed. Electrician needs to be called.

Chairman Guadagnino asked DPW to remove the Saddle River Bank sign from the football announcing booth after some bad publicity came out about the bank.

Eileen Mullen playground – tree came down and needs to be replaced. Environmental Commission would like to donate it. Chairman Guadagnino will talk to Councilwoman Coira about getting approval to replace it.

Lightening Detection System – Chairman Guadagnino has a meeting with a lightening detection company tomorrow. The approximate cost for the system is \$12,000. Wells and Truman will have remote stations. The system will be set at the proper decibel level so that it will not disturb the local residents and will be on a timed system so that it does not go off at hours when the fields are not in use.

Tennis court request – The tennis program would like the town to put away \$50,000 to resurface the courts in the future. Chairman Guadagnino does not agree and will not ask the town to put away \$50,000. H feels it would be better to apply for a \$25,000 grant, ask the tennis program to fundraise for \$12,500 and the rec commission can provide \$12,500 from the trust account.

COMMITTEE REPORT – Budget Reports – Comm. Malmud has received some of the budgets from the Commissioners. Football needs to be analyzed further. For revenue for this coming year guesstimate is that we will be \$10,000 short from what our revenue number is which should be fine.

COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSION – Lights shut off time – Chairman Guadagnino is continuing to get calls from local residents that the lights are not being

shut off. He will make any necessary adjustments so that lights will be shut off at the end of each day depending on when the fields are no longer being used.

There will be a rabies clinic in the shed on November 2nd between 12:30-3:30. If anyone needs anything from the shed, make sure they get it before or after the clinic.

OLD BUSINESS –

Status of New PA system – Will get 3 quotes and make decision.

Roller hockey bleachers – Need to meet with Joe, Anthony and Sandra to get approval for where the bleachers can be placed this year.

NEW BUSINESS –

Replacing the wrestling practice mat at IHHS – We use the IHHS gym and their mats for our rec wrestling program. It has been brought to Comm. King's attention that the high school recently replaced their match mat. We also use that mat. The mats in the practice room are in dire straits and desperately need to be replaced. They could potentially cause health issues at this point. Comm. King has obtained three quotes for two different sizes of mats and would like to have the Rec Commission purchase new mats for the practice room at the high school. All mats have to be high school grade material. Chairman Guadagnino suggests speaking to the Athletic Director at the high school, Lorenzo Baratta, to exactly what it is that he needs for the wrestling program. He also suggests that we need to move on this immediately since it will take at least a month to get the process going. The high school program starts right after Thanksgiving and we would like the mats to be in by then. Comm. King will write up a proposal to present to the Mayor and Council which would include having a plaque in the practice room stating that the mats were donated by the Oakland Recreation Commission. A motion to encumber \$10,000 and proceed with Chairman Guadagnino contacting Mr. Baratta to discuss and remedy the purchase was made by Comm. Malmud, seconded by Comm. O'Brien and passed.

Sign up process – The Rec Commission is trying to make the registration process as easy as possible. The instructions on the website are very clear that each person needs to fill out the online form and print it out. They then need to bring that form down to the D'Elia building during the specified sign up dates & times and hand it in to the volunteers that are there along with their payment. Unfortunately, people are not reading the instructions online and coming to registration frustrated because they didn't print out their registration form and there are no forms to fill out on site. As an example the basketball sign-up information has been made public since mid-August, yet people came down to sign-ups with no understanding of the process. The commission decided that this procedure will remain and hopefully over time people will begin to read what the process is so they understand exactly how it works.

Comm. Saliani stated that he is all for sharing his soccer fields with softball and baseball. His soccer schedule is different every weekend and therefore needs as much advanced notice as possible if someone needs a field.

Comm. Haas stated that the snow blower for the hockey rink needs to be fixed.

Comm. O'Brien would like to purchase brackets for the Rubbermaid closets by the baseball/softball fields. The closets are being dismantled by parents that don't have a key to get into them in order to get to the equipment. They are also being vandalized by kids since they are so easily knocked down. Comm. O'Brien feels the brackets will help make the closets sturdier. Comm. Logatto suggests possibly going back to a code security system instead of keys, this way parents won't be as quick to break into them due to not having a key.

RECREATION AID REPORT - Lori Dent – Gave each commissioner the most recent audit trail and she needs everyone to make sure everything is correct.

Also, each commissioner was given the Refund Policy so finance will release the funds. She needs all the information that is printed on that sheet for any refund request. Refunds will be for the full amount. Attached is a report showing all the refunds that were given for the year, including names.

Tennis badges \$10,485 year to date which included team tennis \$8,035. Court locks have been changed.

Need coach lists. Board of Education needs a complete list of coaches along with the concussion training certificates.

LIASON REPORT

Councilwoman Sandra Coira – No report.

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

There was not public business at this time.

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

No further business pending and upon motion made by Comm. Malmud, seconded by Comm. Logatto and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cheryl Logatto

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION
WILL BE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013 AT 8:00 PM**