

**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY DECEMBER 15, 2014**

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, Haas, King, Malmud, Saliani and Scalabrini were present.

Motion to excuse Comm. Perneti from the meeting was made by Comm. King, seconded by Comm. O'Brien and passed.

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

Charles DiPrima, 44 Grove St. was here to talk about the baseball situation. There are 4 kids that have played up from 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Now they are being told that they cannot do that any longer; however they could fall back on their age groups current team. However at this age, his son would belong on the team going to Cooperstown which he went to last year. He understands that they cannot go to Cooperstown two years in a row; however, they could play on a Blue team. Unfortunately, there is no Blue team. For the first time these kids have no team to belong on. He would like his son able to play on his 13U team that he has been playing on all along. Chuck would be willing to start a Blue team.

Rich Solomon, 32 Silver Birch Way was here to support Chuck and feels that both his son and Chuck's son deserve to be on the 13U team.

Comm. Logatto mentioned that kids playing up never end up in a good situation.

Comm. King feels that the Commission deserves to give them the right to start a Blue team if that is what they want to do. The 13U team is 2 years out from going to high school and these kids that did not make the 13U team would probably not be in a position to make a high school team. The elite from the town are not being given the opportunity to play at the proper level.

Chairman Guadagnino wants to know what type of a Blue team Chuck wants to run, a full "A-team" like approach with tournaments and leagues, or to play in just one league. If he is willing to go forward Chairman Guadagnino will approach Comm. Malmud and attempt to make room in the budget to support that.

Comm. O'Brien feels that when these kids play up it impacts things in a negative way. It is not as attractive as keeping the kids in the same grade on the same team. There were not enough kids to put together a B team for the 13U. Comm. O'Brien mentioned that some of the best players on the high school team right now, played on B teams at the middle school level. He acknowledged Chucks volunteer efforts and appreciates all he has done.

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

A motion to approve the Rec Minutes from the November 24, 2014 meeting was made by Comm. O'Brien, seconded by Comm. Logatto and passed.

A motion to approve the Executive Rec Minutes from the November 24, 2014 meeting was made by Comm. O'Brien, seconded by Comm. Malmud and passed.

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

**BASEBALL** – Comm. O'Brien – Nobody wants to fill the Commissioner position as of yet. He has approached 3 different people but they have declined. He is willing to help whoever is willing to take over. Sign-ups will be done in January. Lori got the flyers out to the schools and it will be put in the Suburban News and on Channel 77.

**BASKETBALL** – Comm. Scalabrini – Couple of kids are late sign ups. Games will start in January. Travel girls have started and the boys will start first week of January.

**FOOTBALL** – Comm. Perneti – No report.

**GOLF** – Chairman Haas – 6 dates are picked out for spring. He is waiting for Kevin to send him the flyer so that he can approve it and get it out to the schools.

**ROLLER HOCKEY** – Comm. Haas – There are two games playing tonight. Everything is going well.

**SOCCER** – Comm. Saliani – No report.

**SOFTBALL** – Comm. Logatto – Sign-ups are in January at the D'Elia bldg.

**SPECIAL NEEDS** – Comm. King – No report.

**TENNIS** – Comm. Scalabrini – No report.

**WRESTLING** – Comm. Guadagnino – Had to turn people away when exceeded the 65 person limit. The room is too small to accommodate more. Shirts are in. We lost out on having our tournament because the high school pulled our date and it's too late to relocate.

**CHEERLEADING** – Comm. Perneti – No report.

**LACROSSE** – Comm. King – No report.

**SUMMER CAMP** – Comm. Malmud – there is a possibility that VMS might have construction going on in the building which would impact the camp going into the school on rainy days. Met with Mr. Desiderio and he doesn't think it should affect us. There are no guarantees that we would have the school however.

**KINDERGARTEN CORE** - Comm. Saliani – Can't find a trainer. People have lost interest.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS** – Chairman Guadagnino – No report.

**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS** – Chairman Malmud – No report.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE** – Chairman Guadagnino – No report.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Complex Lights – Supposed to start 3 weeks ago due to the ground being too soft. They are waiting for a frost to harden the ground before they begin.

Walking Path – Bids are in. Met with Rich to discuss.

Roller Rink Scorers booth – Has price and the money is in. We will install it in approximately 2 months.

**COMMITTEE REPORT** – No report.

**COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSION** – No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS** –

Town did not make a statement regarding funds and why payments made to vendors, umpires and resident reimbursements were running so far behind. Rich wants to meet with Chairman Guadagnino and Sandra Coira to discuss it.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

New date for Reorg meeting will be January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

By-Laws Committee needs to review including the definitions of duties that the commission worked on back in the summer as well reintroduction of by-laws.

We need to accept cash at sign-ups.

Chairman Guadagnino expressed his thanks to Comm. O'Brien for all his efforts. He took the program to the next level and did a great job.

Comm. O'Brien has some pricing on new Craftsman sheds to replace the broken ones on the fields.

Comm. Saliani needs to figure out a way for Oakland Recreation to become more of a feeder for the high school. That should start at ages 8-9. Need to figure out how to keep the kids in the program and not leave to go to club teams. Reinvent ourselves in a way to make the program fresh. Comm. Logatto recommended starting a soccer travel team. Comm. Saliani would like to create a middle school soccer team. Chairman Guadagnino stated that most club baseball teams are nothing more than unhappy Daddy ball teams. The way of true competitive club teams has disappeared except for a few small programs.

### **RECREATION AID REPORT**

Lori Dent – No report.

### **LIASON REPORT**

Councilwoman Sandra Coira – No report.

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 at this time.

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

No further business pending and upon motion made by Comm. O'Brien, seconded by Comm. Malmud and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cheryl Logatto

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION  
WILL BE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014 AT 8:00 PM**