

**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:00PM by Chairman Guadagnino, with the flag salute, at the Danny D'Elia Recreation Center under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Cronin, King, Laterra, Logatto, Saliani and Scalabrini were present. Councilman Eric Kulmala was also present.

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 30, 2018 regular meeting was made by Comm. Scalabrini, seconded by Comm. King and passed.

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

Olive and Richard Burchell, 111 Seminole Avenue – Olive and Richard came before the Recreation Commission to express their concerns about Travel Softball. They pointed out that travel baseball has A & B teams. Their daughter and several other girls were cut from the travel team for their age group and they wanted to know why the players weren't given the same opportunity for two separate teams that the baseball players get. Commissioner Logatto explained that a second team hadn't been created because some of the girls weren't as strong of players as others, and that he was concerned for their safety. With those girls being cut there just weren't enough players to create a second team. The Commissioners and the Burchells discussed the situation and at the end of the discussion, the Commissioners agreed to do what they could to possibly bring more interest to the program, hoping that maybe a "B" team could be added next season.

Jill Hurley, 93 Algonquin Trail – Jill came before the Commission to question Commissioner Saliani about why the 8U travel baseball teams were split like they were, creating two equal teams, she is concerned that the children will be overworked. Commissioner Saliani explained why he made that decision, and that before he followed through with splitting the teams the way that he did, he had discussed it with the coaches. Jill and Olive Burchell were also concerned that the players may not reach their full potential because of the way that the teams were broken up. Commissioner Saliani explained that he communicates with the dads and coaches to assess the program and they make changes as necessary.

Lorraine O'Shaughnessy, 81 Manito Avenue – Lorraine reiterated the concerns of Olive and Rich Burchell. She explained that the parents are before the Commission because they're looking out for their children's best interests and they are seeing major differences between how the girls and boys programs are run. She explained that all she wants is for the girls and boys to be treated the same and that the programs should operate in the same ways.

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

The following reports were made and in proper motion unanimously accepted.

**BASEBALL** – Comm. Saliani – The teams at the third and fourth grade levels are missing games due to the weather. The Commissioners discussed Commissioner Saliani’s decision to equally split the 8U teams, instead of creating A & B teams. Commissioner King expressed her concern about “A team” level players possibly being pulled out of the program by their parents to play for club teams, because of the split. Commissioner Saliani explained that he had made this decision to help the “B team” level players improve. Chairman Guadagnino expressed that he disagreed with Commissioner Saliani’s decision, and that he doesn’t believe any of the kids can improve if they aren’t on a team with other players of their skill level. The Commission agreed that the discussion of how travel teams are chosen will be discussed again at a later date.

**BASKETBALL** – Comm. Walker – No report.

**FOOTBALL** – Comm. Nittoli – No report.

**GOLF** – Comm. Lattera – There are two weeks left in the program. There will be a fall program this year.

**ROLLER HOCKEY** – Comm. King – No report.

**SOCCER** – Comm. Saliani – There are signups being held tomorrow night. The soccer league that our program participates in has a training program, the Positive Coaching Alliance, the league still hasn’t made a decision about whether or not to make the training mandatory but Commissioner Saliani wanted to approach the Recreation Commission about the program.

**SOFTBALL** – Comm. Logatto – There are about two and a half weeks left to the season. The kids are playing as much as possible. Travel teams have been selected and the overall, they’ve had a great season.

**SPECIAL NEEDS** – Comm. Scalabrini – NR

**TENNIS** – Comm. Scalabrini – More signups have come in.

**WRESTLING** – Chairman Logatto – No report.

**CHEERLEADING** – Comm. Walker – Signups will be June 4<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

**LACROSSE** – Comm. Nittoli – NR

**SUMMER CAMP** – Chair. Guadagnino – Signups are closed, and counselor meetings are starting soon.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS** – Chair. Guadagnino – Everything is going well with the complex.

**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS** – Comm. Laterra– The volleyball camp is being held at Indian Hills, not at NJ Sports House. Cheer camp signups will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Signups are still being held for the rest of the programs.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE** – Comm. Cronin – No progress yet, still working with Alan to try and improve the program.

**VOLLEYBALL** – Comm. Cronin – NR

**CAPITAL PROJECTS** –.

Roller Hockey Rink – Councilman Kulmala and Chairman Guadagnino met with the grant writer, we’re hoping for Green Acres funding and applied to Bergen County for additional funding. Hopefully the rink can be repaired in 2019.

Truman Field – The field will be redone with the Green Acres grant.

Recreation Complex Bathrooms – Chairman Guadagnino pointed out to Councilman Kulmala that the bathrooms at the complex are disgusting. Councilman Kulmala will discuss the issue with the Borough Administrator, Richard Kunze.

D’Elia Curb – The curb project should be done during the resurfacing program this summer.

Lightning Detector Truman and Wells – Connecting those fields to the Lightning Detectors is in the works.

Safety Nets – Replacing the nets is a very expensive project, we are still working through issues with the insurance company.

**COMMITTEE REPORT** –

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION** –

**OLD BUSINESS** –

Lights on the Recreation Complex – the light schedule has been adjusted.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

Online Registrations – Tracy Saliani will be contacting the Commissioners about training for the online registrations.

**RECREATION AID –**

**COUNCIL LIASON –**

No further business pending and upon motion made by Comm. Cronin, seconded by Comm. King and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50PM.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE  
HELD MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018.**