

**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, June 8, 2020**

The special monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:02 PM by Chairman Guadagnino, via remote Zoom Meeting (85966729077) under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Guadagnino, Coira, Laterra, Logatto, Saliani, Scalabrini, King, Walker and Hagerman were present. Councilman Van Eck was also present.

Chair's Report: The governor stated non-contact spots can begin on June 22. Chairman Guadagnino stated that he requested safety procedures to be developed by the commissioners for their individual programs. He also noted that nothing has been approved by the council at this time to begin but would like to have a plan in place to bring to them. We will be reviewing state and CDC guidelines. Chairman Guadagnino has put in request with the Borough for bathroom safety updates including non-touch soap dispensers, 30 ft. of plexi glass between urinal and sinks in men's restrooms, and sanitizing spray. He also asked for hand sanitizer machines at all the fields and a non-touch sink but unsure if that is a possibility at this time. DPW is reviewing the options. We are also looking into sanitizing options for porta-potties if they are used.

Would like to submit a proposal with the Borough and the Join Insurance Fund for approval to move forward with sports and camp this summer. We would need approval by both.

Chairman Guadagnino thanked the commissioners for all of the work they have done on all of the matters discussed tonight.

Prior to opening to public session, Chairman Guadagnino reviewed procedures to speak during open sessions via zoom.

OPEN SESSION- Motion made to open to Public by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner Logatto. The motion passed unanimously.

As no members of the public wished to speak, a motion to close open session was made by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner Coira. The motion passed unanimously.

SPORTS REPORTS

Baseball (Saliani)- Commissioner Saliani shared his plans for beginning the season which included:

- Umps will be 6ft behind the hitter.
- No sharing of equipment.
- Coach will wear a face covering and only 3 people in the on deck circle.
- No equipment stored together.
- Shut down bleachers. Parents will bring their own chairs and socially distanced.
- Stealing and pick offs will be eliminated or limited.
- Coach is responsible for all foul balls.

- No talking to umpires.
- No handshakes and contact in the dugouts and between children.
- On the rec side especially on the younger levels, may change the amount of teams so teams of 8 instead of 11. Easier for coaches to control.
- Expanded dugout.
- In t-ball there will be no catcher and will need to figure out catcher equipment for older kids and travel.

Softball (Logatto) - Commissioner Logatto shared his updates and plans for beginning the season which included:

An email will go out to all the players to determine who is open to participating. Right now there are 4 divisions but no coordinators in 1/2 and 3/4 because their children will not be playing. Will put the 5/6 into a travel team since there is no league for them to go in. We will also need to get uniforms since we did not get the chance to order prior to shut down. Would also like to include guidelines in the email. Information will include masks and where everyone can sit and stand during the games. Due to the timing, players will have to make a decision between playing on a Rec team or on travel. They will not be able to do both this year.

- If anyone in the household is ill, you must stay home.
- Do not arrive early to the fields. Avoid congregating with anyone before the game and use social distancing.
- Mark your children's equipment very clearly. Parents sanitize their children's equipment regularly. Players will not share equipment.
- Parents will not go after foul balls. They will be retrieved by coach.
- Coaches will required gloves and face coverings. Face coverings are optional for kids.
- Kids participating will sit in the bleachers socially distanced. Use cones to separate the kids and space them out.
- Ball must be cleaned between innings and it needs to be replaced every 2 innings. Each team is responsible for their own balls.
- Stagger game times so there is time between games so no one stays to watch.

Lacrosse (Coira) - Commissioner Coira shared his updates and plans for beginning the season which included:

- Limit of 25 participants as per the state guidelines but still looking for clarification regarding if parents and coaches are included in that number.
- Will be running in a clinic format. Members of family can be together but everyone else will be separated.
- Coaches will be required to wear a mask and it will be optional for children.
- A review of safety and hygiene will be covered with the kids.
- Disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer will be used to clean hands and equipment.
- If anyone in the household is sick, everyone stays home.

- No sharing of equipment. Everything will be sanitized before or after every game. Everyone's belongings should be labeled and separated.
- Looking for clarification from the commission on what to do if someone comes out sick from the game. Should they be notifying the other participants? Chairman Guadagnino recommends waiting to see what the JIF says and state guidance.

Tennis (Report from Guadagnino) –

- Following CDC guidelines for tennis program
- Everyone is social distanced, wearing masks while entering courts
- Everyone uses their own racquets.
- Balls will be picked up by coaches only and they must sanitize their hands prior to picking them up.

Summer Clinics (Laterra)-

- We may cancel softball camp.
- Baseball will be located on field 5 and Football will be located at Truman
- TGA Camps will follow the same guidelines set for other programs
- No equipment will be shared and it will be sanitized between use
- Limit registration to keep groups small
- No handshakes or high fives to limit contact
- No congregating before or after programs
- Cheer camp will not do stunting
- Lacrosse camp will follow the lacrosse program guidelines
- The end of summer session in August may have adjusted guidelines based on updated orders and recommendations

Summer Camp (Emily-Director)

Camp is expected to open July 6th and will only run 5 weeks. The format for summer camp and open camp will be similar with no trips.

- Drop off would be by age group at their tents.
- Limit congregation of people and spread out as much as possible.
- Campers will need a wellness check every morning prior to being admitted to camp. Administrators will be responsible for this.
- Tents can hold 22 kids each at 6 ft. apart.
- All staff need to wear masks. Campers do not unless there is a special event where they will be closer than 6ft apart.
- Will still serve lunch and be brown bagged by the lunch coordinator. There will be limited contact with these bags.
- The nurse will receive her own tent this year and she will have an N95 and face shield.
- For games and activities, nothing will be shared and if shared sanitized in between each camper's use.
- Bathrooms procedure will be 2 kids at a time and hand washing will be monitored.

- School will not be open, so if there is rain in the forecast, camp will be closed. If rain is coming kids will need to be picked up early and if there is rain in the beginning of the day there may be a delayed opening. Parents will have to take camp rain issues into account when registering their kids for camp.
- VMS will allow for drop off in their parking lot but waiting for confirmation on pick up as well.
- Field 9 will be dedicated to open camp.

Emily discussed the open camp activities options that are being reviewed: Obstacle courses, water balloon fights, minute to win it games, survivor challenge day, stem activities, projector/just dance group led activities, arts and crafts, individual talent show. Possibly walking to bowling, dairy queen, and Mike's hot dogs.

Following sports reports, Chairman Guadagnino answered questions submitted by the public in the chat function of Zoom.

LIASON REPORT – Council is meeting this Wednesday. Will continue to advocate for everything commission brings to him to the council. Thanked the commission for the hard work in planning and a congratulated Emily on her appointment to Director. Chairman Guadagnino requested that the councilman asks the council to put in a formal request to the school district to open up their sports fields to thin out the municipal field usage over the summer.

OPEN SESSION- Motion made to open to Public by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner King. The motion passed unanimously.

Russ Talamini- asked if things will be fluid or will they be updated as things change for baseball? Commissioner Saliani stated that we will follow CDC guidelines and make changes as they become available. In regards to leagues, all decisions will be made by the league. For Rec, we will make decisions as we get direction.

Julie Peluso- Asked when spring softball will run and how long the season will run? Commissioner Logatto stated that before the 22nd, we will break up into teams with coaches. Before 22nd she will be notified of her team and what nights practices will be held. The plan is to run June 22-at least 27th of July. For the 2nd graders, they will play games amongst each other but will have a real season.

Private questions sent to Emily through Zoom Chat-

What will the camp fees be for this year? Director Emily stated that they will only be charged for the 5 weeks camp will run at \$350.

Will there be water inflatables?: We will be reaching out to the company to see if they will be available.

Will groups interact with each other? No, groups will not interact with other groups.

Will there be a limit on campers? It will be based on the amount of tents that can be rented as there can only be 22 campers under each tent.

Commissioner King: Has the commission reached out the insurance company? Commissioner Guadagnino stated that he has been in contact with Rich Kunze almost daily and they have been in contact with the insurance company. Everything has been presented to the insurance company and we are waiting on their response.

Seeing no additional questions from the public, a motion to close the second open session was made by Commissioner Salianni and seconded by Commissioner Hagerman. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner King and Seconded by Commissioner Salianni. The motion passed unanimously.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE HELD MONDAY, June 29, 2020 AT 8:00PM.