

**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, May 28, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:03 pm by Chairman Guadagnino, with the flag salute, at the Danny D'Elia Recreation Center under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Guadagnino, Laterra, Walker, Logatto, and King, Coira were present. Councilman Kulmala was also present. Commissioners Nittoli, Saliani, and Scalabrini were absent.

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 29th regular meeting was made by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner Walker.

Chairman Guadagnino ask for a motion to excuse those absent from the meeting. Commissioner King motioned to excuse, and it was seconded by Commissioner Logatto.

Chairman Guadagnino opened the floor to SAO Chairman Jim Folkerts for an update:

**Mr. Folkerts** informed the Commission that the SAO has grown tremendously over the last ten years. They are happy to be support Oakland's recreation programs. Since 2008, the SAO is now responsible for \$250k from \$10k when they started. The SAO is now up to date on filing tax returns and has been reincorporated, however are not at the threshold of the 990 form for taxes and will need a more formal tracking of finances at this point. John Amaruso is the current treasurer and formal CPA. He is adding new controls. The SAO is looking to implement an accountant to keep the books for legality and transparency issues. An example is the new reimbursement form that was introduced at last months meeting. There will be a fee associated with hiring this new accountant. Expected cost was about \$2k

Chairman Logatto suggested Neil as a possible option of CPA as he is a retired CPA and very knowledgeable with our programs and books. There will be more to come soon.

**Open Session-** Seeing no one in the audience from the public there was no open session.

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

**BASEBALL** – Comm. Saliani – No Report

**BASKETBALL** – Comm. Walker – No Report

**FOOTBALL** – Comm. Nittoli – Football sign ups have one month remaining and have reached the 100 player mark. The anticipated numbers are: Flag Football (40-60), Mighty Mites (20-25), Pee Wee (20-25), Junior (20-25), Seniors (35-40). Football intents on setting up their in person registration at the baseball parade and would like to use the inflatable helmet. Commissioner Nittoli requested cheer participate as well if they are available. After June 15<sup>th</sup>, a late fee will be assessed to those registering. They are looking to extend the flag football registration through July so late fees will not be incurred. The other levels will remain the same. The league will be

having its NBJFL Free Football Clinic on June 9<sup>th</sup> held at Fair Lawn. 1700 players are expected to attend.

**GOLF** – Comm. Laterra – Golf will be running a little longer due to rain June 13<sup>th</sup>. There are 8 players this year and its running well.

**ROLLER HOCKEY** – Comm. King – The season has finished. Parents have stated that they will not come back unless there is a new rink for next season.

**SOCCER** – Comm. Saliani – No Report

**SOFTBALL** – Comm. Logatto – Rec season is coming to an end for the older groups because they are playing in leagues with towns that end at the end of May. The Travel teams begin June 10<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup> is the BBQ for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades.

**SPECIAL NEEDS** – Comm. Scalabrini – No Report

**TENNIS** – Comm. Scalabrini - No Report

**WRESTLING** – Comm. Logatto – No Report

**CHEERLEADING** – Comm. Walker – Cheerleading has started online registration. Competition cheer sign ups are also open. Must be part of Rec Cheer to participate in the competition team. Auditions for competition cheer have be scheduled for 15/16 12. Location TBD. Guadagnino suggested Truman field.

**LACROSSE** – Comm. Nittoli – No Report

**SUMMER CAMP** – Chair Guadagnino – Camp begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. The planning process is running smoothly.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS** – Chair. Guadagnino – Noted that at field 8 at the corner of Butternut and Lawlor the trees were cut down in the fall. New trees were supposed to be planted this past April but have no come in yet. This project was approved of by the rec commission but the work started without their knowledge. Chair Guadagnino stated he would have kept the residents on Butternut in the loop for the entire project.

**CARNIVAL**- Tennis courts will be locked and field 5 closed for the carnival.

**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS** – Comm. Laterra– Trying to run a cheer camp program. It ran last year but they will be making some small changes for this year. Looking to send out more fliers. The camp is expected to help with building the competition cheer program.

Sign ups are up online and running ok. There was some confusion at first, but it is running pretty well.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE** – Comm. Coira – Allen Cohen wanted to change the structure of the program, and wants it shortened to 2 weeks. The program is planned to start June 21<sup>st</sup> and will run 5 1 hour sessions over the 2 weeks on Tuesdays and Fridays. Allen needs to get a new background check.

**VOLLEYBALL** – Comm. Coira – No Report

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS –**

**Roller Rink** – Commissioner Guadagnino stated we are going out for an engineering bid on the rinks. Guadagnino filled out the Columbia grant application. No update on the Devils at this time.

**Bathrooms** – Commissioner Guadagnino- Bathrooms are done.

**Curb** Commissioner Guadagnino- Curb in complete and was seeded. Dumpsters will be fenced.

**Tennis Courts** Commissioner Guadagnino- Commissioner Guadagnino stated the courts need to be resurfaced as soon as possible as they should be done every 5 years and it has been 10. A grant application has been completed but it was for the incorrect sum of money, but will be corrected and resubmitted at the next council meeting. Balance will be paid for by rec trust, but would like to have tennis raise some funds the way every other sport does.

**COMMITTEE REPORT** – No Report

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION** – SAO will not reimburse without proper form being submitted. The necessary form may now be found on the website under the heading Commissioner Information. Each Commissioner will have to sign off on the reimbursement for approval for the sport they are responsible, or there will be no reimbursement.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Commissioner Laterra stated: Did research about getting a building for sports space. Also reached out to a private professional in the commercial field for information. Potentially looking at cost share with another town or organizations.

**RECREATION AID** – No Report.

**COUNCIL LIASON** – No Report.

**Open Session** – Seeing no one in the audience from the public there was no second open session

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Logatto and seconded by Commissioner Walker. The motion passed unanimously.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE HELD Monday, June 24, 2019 AT 8:00PM.**