

**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, October 26, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:07 PM by Chairman Guadagnino, via remote Zoom Meeting (823 5545 4001) under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Guadagnino, LaTerra, Logatto, Saliani, and Coira were present. Commissioners Scalabrini, Walker, Hagerman and King were absent. Councilman Van Eck was present.

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

**A motion to excuse absent commissioners was made by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner LaTerra. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Chair's Report:** We had to temporarily suspend the cheer program because a child at Indian Hills tested positive for COVID-19 and that child was in the same class as a couple of our coaches in the program. We felt it was best to air on the side of caution and shut down the program to allow for quarantine.

**Dog Park:** Once the dog park is completed, it will fall under the prevue of the Department of Parks and Recreation. It will be supervised by Chairman Guadagnino under his role of commissioner of buildings and grounds. Chairman Guadagnino will appoint Ryan Schwertfeger as the Director of the Dog Park.

Commissioner Walker will take a step back from basketball as commissioner this season and Commissioner LaTerra will take over for this season.

**Open Session-** Motion made to open to Public by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner Logatto. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A motion to approve the minutes from September's regular meeting was made by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner Logatto. The motion passed unanimously.

**The following reports were made and unanimously accepted.**

**BASEBALL** – Comm. Saliani – Finishing up fall season and playoffs for the travel teams are starting. We held tryout over the last couple of weeks but the weather was not cooperative. We should be putting teams out this week. The evaluators are putting everything together. The

evaluator was Lou Vicharo. Commissioner Saliani reviewed the procedures of how teams are made.

**BASKETBALL** – Comm. Walker- A meeting is scheduled tomorrow with the schools to discuss possibility of the program.

**FOOTBALL** – Comm. Hagerman – No Report.

**GOLF** – Comm. Laterra – Cancelled for fall and hopefully for the spring. Refunds have been issued for anyone who registered.

**ROLLER HOCKEY** – Comm. King- Hockey sign-ups opened up on October 15th and right now are set to close by November 15th. I have heard from the League and right now this is their plan:

- The regular season will start in early January and end by late February; if there are playoffs, the season would end in mid-March.
- Each team will play 10 regular season games.
- Most, if not all, games will be originally scheduled on weekends.
- All games will be played under strict adherence to New Jersey Covid 19 guidelines for sports which will be enforced by host sites.

At this time we are discussing just starting the Learn To Skate program after Thanksgiving so that we can get the little ones as much time as they need to be outside and get some exercise. I am thinking about opening up the Learn To Skate to older kids but need to ensure that I have coaches who will be willing to give that time. I will also be keeping sign-ups open till December 1st now that the start date has been pushed back.

**SOCCER** – Comm. Saliani – Going great. Changed leagues for this season. We pulled out of the North West Bergen Soccer Association because of the regulations that were put in place and started our own league with surrounding towns. Going very well, we may begin our own league officially next year. Kids are having a lot of fun and it's been very successful.

**SOFTBALL** – Comm. Logatto- Had one team in the fall and it is coming to an end. All scrimmages for this season.

**SPECIAL NEEDS** – Comm. Scalabrini- No report

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

**WRESTLING** – Comm. Logatto – Bobby Sherow is the wrestling director. Have been communicating regularly discussing the upcoming season. Our program participates in a league who have not made any decisions yet about what they're planning to do this year. The league schedules matches. They sent out a questionnaire to all the teams to see what each town would like to do and thoughts about the season. Oakland will make every attempt to move forward with the season with all safety protocols. If the league moves forward, protocols will be submitted to the town from the league. Practices are going to be held Mon-Fri at NJ Sports House. Mike Cardi's intention is to open up and allow in the room. Currently don't know the count allowed in the room. Waiting to hear from Mr. Cardi what that number is. The questionnaire from the league needs to be back by November 5<sup>th</sup>. If the league comes back with no league this year, we will attempt to still run practices. Season will start first week of December. Registration is November 12<sup>th</sup> and we will send out a blast to the recreation families. People will register online but pay at the first practice. The procedure for wrestling is, if you participate in one practice you have signed up for the program and, there will be no refunds no matter how the program continues.

Chairman Guadagnino wanted confirmation that the mats are sprayed down between every pair on the mat and the mats will be exclusive to our programs. Commissioner Logatto stated he believes that is the case but will double confirm that is the plan in place. COVID policy will be submitted to the borough before anyone steps on the mat.

**CHEERLEADING** – Comm. LaTerra – Cheerleading has had a great season but at this time the program is on break. Two of the coaches were quarantining due to potential contact with a positive case in school and wanted to be safe. They will be resuming with this weekend's game on Saturday.

**LACROSSE** – Comm. Coira – No Report. Chairman Guadagnino noted that he had a meeting with Matt M. about putting together a high school winter league. There is a zoom meeting being scheduled between Chairman Guadagnino, the SAO, Neil Malmud, Matt M. to discuss how this might happen.

**SUMMER CAMP** – Chair Guadagnino- No Report

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS** Chair Guadagnino- Shared that the name Building and Grounds no longer represents this part of the commission since we now have an entire DPW department to take care of these areas. Instead we will be renaming to Parks and Playgrounds as this better reflects what is covered under the Recreation Commission. This will be finalized during the January meeting in the by-laws.

**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS** – Comm. Laterra – No Report

**MOUNTAIN BIKE** – Comm. Hagerman – No report.

**VOLLEYBALL** – Comm. Coira – Spoke to Mike Cardi and asked for a contract but nothing has been signed at this time. Would like to open the program to boys as well. Would like to move forward but are in a wait and see pattern with the rising cases. We have time and wouldn't start registration until January, so we will make a decision sometime next month.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS** –.

**D'Elia sign-**

**Informational sign-** Had a November 4<sup>th</sup> delivery date but because of COVID there is a backup of orders with the companies. Our delivery is now December 4<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Guadagnino suggested we move the delivery to spring since it won't end up being put up until spring at this point and will just sit at DPW.

**Memorial Benches-** We will be adding 1 more new bench by the tennis courts. We are scheduled for November 1 at 11am.

**COMMITTEE REPORT** – Chairman Guadagnino asked the committee to review Travel Sports Policy updates regarding playing your grade/age. The sports have been running under this policy but asked for it to be updated officially. Commissioner Coira stated that she had reviewed it and had sent an email to the other members of the committee but they have not had the opportunity to discuss further at this time. Chairman Guadagnino stated that it will be voted on in the next meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION** – No Report

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – **Chairman Guadagnino** received budget from Neil Malmud and will share with the commission to review.

**RECREATION AID** – No Report.

**COUNCIL LIAISON** – Liaison Van Eck- Praises the commission at every council meeting. Everyone's dedication and amazing work is noticed and appreciated. If anyone ever has any

questions for him, you can get him via email as noted on the borough website and by cell at 401-406-4261. Wanted to mention Ryan for stepping up with the dog park and taking such a great charge. We are very happy to have him involved.

**OPEN SESSION-** Motion to open to the public for a second open session by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner Coira. The motion passed unanimously. As no members of the public wished to speak, a motion to close by the open session was made by Commissioner LaTerra and seconded by Commissioner Logatto. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE HELD via Zoom Monday, November 23, 2020 AT 8:00PM.**