

**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, January 28, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:00 pm by Chairman Guadagnino, with the flag salute, at the Danny D'Elia Recreation Center under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Guadagnino, Coira, Laterra, Logatto, Saliani, Scalabrini, King and Nittoli were present. Commissioner Walker arrived at 9:00pm. Councilman Eric Kulmala was also present.

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2018 regular meeting were made by Comm. Saliani, seconded by Comm. Scalabrini and passed unanimously.

**Open Session-** Motion made by Commissioner Logatto as seconded by Commissioner Saliani and voted aye unanimously.

**Matt Folina 149 Dogwood Drive:** Mr. Folina had some questions regarding why his son was not being allowed to play in the 13u baseball team. He stated that he sent an email five weeks ago to Commissioner Saliani and had yet to receive a response and when he would receive a response. Comm. Saliani apologized for the lack of response and that he could send a response by the end of the week or could discuss now. Mr. Folina asked to discuss it now. Comm. Saliani stated that as he had previously told him, his son would not be allowed to play this year because there was no space available. When the teams were being made, Comm. Saliani reached out to Mr. Folina regarding his son's space on the team. Mr. Folina told him that at that time they were not in a position to commit as he notified everyone during try outs, so Comm. Salina moved forward with making the teams and gave the space to the next child on the list. Mr. Folina responded asking why he then reached out to him at a later date about the possibility of reconsidering making space on the team. Comm. Saliani replied that he was asked to reconsider at the request of the coach following Mr. Folina's conversation with the coach. After meeting with Mr. Folina, Comm. Saliani spoke with others involved in the baseball program for feedback and after reviewing the situation, they decided to move forward with the team that was already created. Following this, Mr. Folina left with Comm. Saliani stating he'd respond to this email in the immediate future after discussing the situation further in executive session.

A motion was made to close open session made by Commissioner Nittoli and seconded by Commissioner King and voted aye unanimously.

Commissioner Guadagnino reviewed the commissioner sports appointments for 2019 as follows:

Mike Guadagnino (Chair)- Buildings and Grounds, Summer Camp  
Steve Saliani- Soccer, Baseball  
Dan Logatto- Softball, Adult Softball, Wrestling  
Vivian King- Roller Hockey  
Bob Scalabrini- Special Needs, Tennis  
Danielle Walker- Cheerleading, Basketball  
Sandra Coira- Mountain Bike, Volleyball

Al Nittoli- Football, Lacrosse

Jennifer Laterra- Rec Summer Sports, Golf

Motion to accept and approve sports appointments made by Comm. King and seconded by Comm. Saliani and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Guadagnino reviewed commissioner committee appointments for 2019 as follows:

By Law Committee- Commissioners Logatto, King, and Coira

Finance Committee- Commissioners Scalabrini, Nittoli, and Laterra

Policy Committee- Commissioners Scalabrini, Saliani, and Walker

Conduct Committee- Commissioners King, Logatto, and Saliani

Motion to accept and approve committee appointments made by Comm. King and seconded by Comm. Logatto and passed unanimously.

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

**BASEBALL** – Comm. Saliani – Registration is open from February 1-March 11. Registration will be available online and in person on February 13 and with an additional date TBD for early march. Uniform ordering has already begun.

**BASKETBALL** – Comm. Walker – There will be an additional ref hired for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade games so the cost will be higher than last year. Getting ready to place trophy order for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> only. Deciding if to do a participation trophy or medal. Still to be determined.

**FOOTBALL** – Comm. Nittoli – No Report

**GOLF** – Comm. Laterra – Going to have online registration thanks to Tracy's help. Date for in person registration TBD. Golf will start April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**ROLLER HOCKEY** – Comm. King – Had meeting with the league to discuss a new proposed requirement to add mid-season. Proposal was to require a team official to make sure parents are not getting out of hand, provided by the home team. They went on to say parents are not listening and they are responsible for telling parents to calm down. Comm. King relayed that the league stated that it would be mandatory and if you don't participate your team would be out for the season. Oakland said they did not agree with this new rule mid-season and would not continue and leave now if it was approved. Following additional discussion, it was decided not to move forward with the new requirement. Comm. King also stated that Wyckoff is having problems with lack of rink

**SOCCER** – Comm. Saliani – First league meeting would be held this Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**SOFTBALL** – Comm. Logatto – Rec softball signups are January 23<sup>rd</sup>, January 30th and final on February 13th everything after that will be late. Neil and Comm. Logatto did an equipment inventory and are ready to place orders. Uniforms are ready to be ordered and all equipment ready to order. Comm. Logatto asked about how the temporary budget works for placing the order with the borough and Comm. Guadagnino explained the process.

**SPECIAL NEEDS** – Comm. Scalabrini – Basketball program is doing great and taking off. Bowling is on a break and will begin again in March.

**TENNIS** – Comm. Scalabrini – Spring Registration dates to be announced soon.

**WRESTLING** – Comm. Logatto – Season is half way through. This past Sunday was their big fundraising tournament Oakland Invitation. It did very well. We entered 49 wrestlers and took home 26 medals.

**CHEERLEADING** – Comm. Walker – No Report

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

**SUMMER CAMP** – Chair Guadagnino – Counselors are being interviewed and Comm. Guadagnino confirmed that potential hires who have previously scheduled vacations, are eligible for hire.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS** – Chair. Guadagnino – The previously discussed curb with be moved this spring. There is also a new bench dedicated to Mrs. Franchina by the score board.

**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS** – Comm. Laterra– We will be offering a spring break sports camp running April 8-12. Flyers will be available soon. There will be a summer program as well and are currently determining a date for registration.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE** – Comm. Coira – No Report

**VOLLEYBALL** – Comm. Coira – Volleyball began last week. Attendance has been in the mid-20s for each day. Shirts should be coming in this week and the girls are very happy. There are still people emailing Comm. Coira to participate so there still me bay more.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS** –.

**Roller Rink** – Commissioner Guadagnino shared there was a meeting last Friday to discuss the Roller Rink. They are aiming for a completion date in November. The funding will be coming

from several sources including a partial grant with the remainder coming from the Rec Trust. This will be brought up at the February council meeting to inform the town.

**Bathrooms** –The project began today with the target completion April 1, 2019. There will be porta potties available in a few days while the bathrooms undergo renovation.

**Winter Lights-** Winter lights will be on until 8:30 so walkers can have lighting on the dark side of the complex.

**Field 9-** There will be a new score board thanks to Marty O'Brian and an agreement with Microsoft. Microsoft will match the cost so there will be a new scoreboard.

**COMMITTEE REPORT – NR**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION – NR**

**OLD BUSINESS –** Commissioner Laterra Oakland Tree- Still considering ideas.

**NEW BUSINESS** –Commissioner Saliani is working with the Board of Education to create a Middle School Soccer Team and to help schedule field time.

Commissioner Guadagnino met with the environmental commissioner a few years ago to discuss putting up a wind turbine. At the time they said no because it is a danger to bats and it's too noisy. Guadagnino brought it back up to consider putting it by the train track with would help cover the noise however the bats would still be a concern.

**RECREATION AID – NR**

**COUNCIL LIASON – NR**

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

**Adjournment** – Motion Walker, Seconded Logatto motion passed unanimously

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE  
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019 AT 8:00PM.**