

OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 25, 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, Walker, Laterra, Logatto, Saliani, Scalabrini, King and Nittoli were present. Councilman Eric Kulmala and Commissioner Coira were absent.

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 26 regular meeting were made by Commissioner Logatto and seconded by Commissioner King.

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 – There have been some issues receiving some payments. You can sign up online and send in a check for payment later but we are now tracking down those payments of those who never sent the check. We are also looking for more coaches since there are 88 3rd and 4th graders on the jrs. teams and not enough coaches.

BASKETBALL – Comm. Walker – Basketball is wrapping up. Oakland had 3 teams win championships. 4th grade girls 7th grade girls and 6th grade boys won. Received several emails about how good the coaching was with those teams. There were 2 players who scored over 500 points in the season and we will be recognizing that. Each will get individual trophy and a perpetual trophy to go in here to track that.

FOOTBALL – Comm. Nittoli – Football fee increase was passed for both tackle and flag. Online sign ups begin April 11th. We are putting together an in-house grievance committee with coaches from each level for another place of communication. It is to allow people to appeal decisions of league suspensions and other matters. Three new teams joined the league. AYF ranked our league toughest and strongest in the state.

GOLF – Comm. Laterra – We have 4 people signed up. We had an in-person registration and working with online registration as well. Goal is 10 sign ups.

ROLLER HOCKEY – Comm. King –The season is over and the All Star Game is this coming weekend. There have been issues with the league this year and it is getting to the point of looking at leaving the league, but there are no other options unless we create our own league. There is disorganization between the referees tracking which players were in attendance for each game. There has also been discussion of moving seniors to playing in the spring to get rid of ice hockey conflict and hopefully get more people interested in joining the league.

SOCCER – Comm. Saliani –Registration will run 4/15-6/15 with late registration up to 6/30. There is a \$30 for late sign ups.

SOFTBALL – Comm. Logatto – Rec season teams are all selected. Numbers are up this year. All grades 5,6,7,8 are all full and the younger grades are smaller. Season starts Wednesday of next week. Coaches are selected, and practices are next week. There has been an issue with uniforms. There was a miscommunication with Rydell who we ordered from. The shirt the league wanted was out of stock and they are now giving them an alternative shirt. It is very late and there are concerns that they won't be here in time. Commissioner Nittoli gave an alternative company to make the shirts who can do a 24 hour turn around if needed. Travel has tryouts Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday for 12u and 14u teams for upcoming summer season.

SPECIAL NEEDS – Comm. Scalabrini – Basketball has ended, and everyone received trophies. Bowling is going to start in the middle of April and flyer is being created now.

TENNIS – Comm. Scalabrini – Registration is Wednesday Night 7-8pm here in D'Elia. Season will start after that.

WRESTLING – Comm. Logatto – season ended beginning of March. Season went well with no issues. All hiccups were fixed and all was a success.

CHEERLEADING – Comm. Walker – We have an approved budget for a competition team of \$4k. Going to try and start that this year. Practice dates will be determined, and the competitions will be in the fall. We still must decide which competitions to enter. We will put together flyer for regular season cheer by May 1st. There will be try outs for the competition team and those details are being decided.

LACROSSE – Comm. Nittoli – Season started and they are practicing. All is good. We had a couple late additions to the team.

SUMMER CAMP – Chair Guadagnino – Sign ups start next week for open camp and day camp will begin in middle of April.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – Chair. Guadagnino – Lights for the grounds are working out well. No complaints have been made regarding the lights, they are just being noticed. Fields will open soon. They turn on at dusk and that will end March 31st for when sports return to fields. Applied for a tennis grant because there are issues with the courts. There are some cracks and bubbles. About a \$60k job to resurface the courts. We need to raise about \$23k to supplement the grant.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS – Comm. Laterra– We will also running spring break camp and sign ups are only at 4 or 5. Hoping more will sign up as it gets closer.

MOUNTAIN BIKE – Comm. Coira – No Report

VOLLEYBALL – Comm. Coira – No Report

CAPITAL PROJECTS –

Roller Rink – Commissioner Guadagnino announced that M & T bank said no about the grant towards the rink. Going to try other banks as well.

Bathrooms – Commissioner Guadagnino- They will be done very soon. Expecting another 10 days until completion.

Curb Commissioner Guadagnino- The curb project is nearing completion.

Tennis Courts Commissioner Guadagnino- Applied for a tennis grant because there are issues with the courts. There are some cracks and bubbles. About a \$60k job to resurface the courts. We need to raise about \$23k to supplement the grant.

Great Oak- Commissioner Guadagnino- Lawn at Great Oak Park, the will be seeding the park for fresh grass on April 15th.

COMMITTEE REPORT –

Policy Committee – Travel tryout (Scalabrini, Saliani, Walker) Submitted updated rules to be posted online. Discussion followed regarding the submitted rules.

Proposed rule #6- Players have 5 days to accept their spot or it is forfeited and goes to the next person in line, giving 10 days from last try out day to final acceptance.

Discussion: Commissioner Logatto felt that 5 days was too long and should be lowered to 2 days because with softball they start 48 hours following the conclusion of try-outs.

Commissioner king agreed as did others and it has been updated to 48 hours to accept your spot for the team across all sports.

Proposed Rule #4- Guadagnino suggested the line about refunds done by commission taken out and replaced with No refunds.

Guadagnino asked for motion pending the two changes discussed.

Commissioner King motioned and Commissioner Logatto seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION – SAO Magnets

Keith Ahearn from the SAO- The day you have your sign ups he will come down for sign ups and bring the patches and magnets to sell them and he will come every night. He will come at end and pick up the stuff and money and bring them to the next one.

OLD BUSINESS – Commissioner Scalabrini stated they are going to dig the ditch for the new score board on Tuesday. Spoke with Jimmy.

NEW BUSINESS – Commissioner Nittoli asked is there a written policy regarding players from Oakland playing for other towns and vice versa. Commissioner Guadagnino stated that there is no written policy but has been accepted in the past. He wanted to know because Franklin Lakes Football Program has not been filling due to players coming to Oakland to play. Franklin Lakes no longer wants to continue this arrangement because they would not be able to continue with their teams due to lack of players. Commissioner Guadagnino suggested they set up a meeting between he 3 of them if needed to discuss.

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 Walker and seconded by Commissioner King. The motion passed unanimously.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019 AT 8:00PM.**