

**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FOR JANUARY  
Monday, March 28, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:00PM by Chairman Guadagnino, held at the Danny D'Elia Building under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Guadagnino, Coira, Rotondo, La Terra, Logatto, Hagerman, Ives and Bleeker were present.

A motion to excuse Commissioner Scalabrini was made by Commissioner Logatto and seconded by Commissioner Rotondo. The motion passed unanimously.

**Chair's Report:** In the process of doing the tennis courts. We got a quote from Boswell that was a little high. We went to bid and received a quote from another company and should get that in 2 weeks. Spoke with Wayne Rec Director about who they used and they stated that they used a company that was under the Co-Op so that would allow avoiding bids and getting the most cost effective option. Have spoken to Mr. Kunze and we are actively reviewing these options.

**Open Session-** A motion to open to the public was made by Commissioner Hagerman and seconded by Commissioner Logatto. The motion passed unanimously.

**Russel Talamini (33 Seminole)-** stated that the batting cage off of field 5, is constructed in a way that when a ball gets hit, it can ricochet off a pole and a coach who was doing batting practice got hit in the eye. Mr. Talamini wanted to know the possibility of putting a new batting cage up similar to the one near field 8.

Commissioner Hagerman stated that he put in an incident report for the injury to the coach. He also spoke to DPW Jimmy for a quick fix until we can figure out a replacement. Jimmy will add pads so it can be used in the meantime. Until fixed, closed to baseball but can be used for softball since their ball is softer.

Motion to close the open session was made by Commissioner Ives and seconded by Commissioner Hagerman. The motion passed unanimously.

**SAO Discussion- Jim Folkerts (Chair of SAO):** Reviewed who the SAO is and what they are responsible for. Mr. Folkerts shared that the SAO is a 501c3 that acts as a bank for the recreation department. Anything that doesn't run through the borough runs through SAO financially, such as fundraising. We have a licensed CPA and tax payer to do our taxes because we bring in so much money each year and have very extensive tax returns. Mr. Folkerts shared with everyone a document he created that reviews what the SAO does. There is a section regarding a fee that we don't currently charge at this time. It also includes guidelines about general fundraising and raffle checklists. Reviewed the fundraising rules and how things must be set up. The

commissioners will be responsible for signing documents that go to the state which puts the commissioners responsible for any issues. He wanted to be clear that recreation must follow the SAO rules if they want to be supported. Reminded if you want to do anything fundraising, reach out to the SAO early. They need significant notice to file proper paperwork. Additionally if you are distributing anything in regards to fundraisers or anything being sponsored by the SAO, it must be reviewed by the chair or treasurer. He also reviewed bank activity. Asked that deposits are grouped and organized. These guidelines are listed out and can be reviewed by commissioners.

Commissioner Logatto asked if there were limitations to use of fundraised money such as celebrations. Mr. Folkerts stated that there are limitations, and that it must be for the entire program, it can't be for an individual teams etc.

The money also must be deposited a certain way. Venmo and similar programs can't be used. It must be collected as cash or check.

Commissioner Ives asked when money is fundraised, is the money earmarked for specific sport? Mr. Folkerts stated that while it all goes into the same account, the money is tracked with line items.

Reminder, the town must approve raffles, so it must go to council to approve. Contact SAO about 6-8 weeks prior to when you would like to hold it.

**Approval of previous months minutes-** A motion to approve the February 2022 regular meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Logatto and seconded by Commissioner Hagerman. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**BASEBALL** – Comm. Hagerman – Our teams are doing well. They started playing this past weekend. Finalizing teams for little league. We have 6 tball, 6 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 5 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and 2 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> teams playing. We have a lot of kids and have great teams. Starting practice next week. Commissioner Hagerman mentioned the batting cages and stated that he spoke to Jimmy about the in-field that need to be scalped. He stated that he would do it in the off season and since we started early he can't do it in the season. In the past Podash would donate the equipment in order to do it right. We've also had too many people accessing the shed so it has been locked down. The Sandpro needs training to use it safely. Only a few people will have access who will be trained.

**BASKETBALL** – Comm. Ives – Basketball season is over. It was a great season. Wanted to thank TJ Downing with scheduling. He was very helpful. Almost all travel teams made playoffs and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade girls won theirs. We did not have a 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls team this year due to not enough interest. We did a clinic for them at the end of the season and had 17 girls. Started a Men's

league at Heights and it's going very well. Sent a survey out to parents at the end of the season for feedback. We've received a lot of great positive feedback on coaches.

**FOOTBALL** – Comm. Hagerman – Boys Pee Wees got to go to the town Council Meeting and meet the Mayor and get their certificates. They loved it. Registration for the next season will begin end of April

**GOLF** – Comm. Bleeker – Registration is open and looks like numbers will be around the same as last year.

**ROLLER HOCKEY** – Comm. Bleeker – Season wrapped up Sunday. Final tournament was played and we won. Had a great season however we lost in the finals. A lot of excitement around the Midgets clinics.

**SOCCER** – Comm. Rotondo – Registration opens on Friday. Wednesday meeting with Hills coach.

**SOFTBALL** – Comm. Logatto – The largest turnout for softball in 5 years. Depending on the division season begins either this coming Monday or following. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade there are 5 teams, at 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> there are 4 teams and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> there are 2 teams and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> there is 1 team. Uniforms are in. We ordered on January 1<sup>st</sup> so we were happy to get them in. Travel try outs: 12u is this Thursday and Friday. 14u is this Friday. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> try outs will be the 13<sup>th</sup> of April. Coach Lights clinic will be Sat. April 23<sup>rd</sup>. All kids mandatory come to. This clinic is in uniform. It's an amazing clinic. Parade set for June 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00am. Inviting council to march with the kids. Pictures scheduled May 21<sup>st</sup>. Talk to Mothers Club to get them involved.

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

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

**WRESTLING** – Comm. Logatto – Had a great season. Everyone did well. Had banquet Wednesday night. All the kids got swag. Going to mayor and council on April 13<sup>th</sup> for certificates.

**CHEERLEADING** – Comm. LaTerra – Registration is open and flyers are going out this week. We have new uniforms and they are in.

**LACROSSE** – Comm. Coira – Winter lacrosse is finished. There were no issues. The clinic starts Saturday and we reopened it. We have 18 girls and 20 boys so far. Starts April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**SUMMER CAMP** – Chair Guadagnino- Registration is opening month of May and it will all be online. We are running through the Borough for most things now since most companies are accepting POs and staff will be chosen this week and applications open through the 31<sup>st</sup>.

**PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS** - Chair Guadagnino- Everyone got new keys. Be mindful of where they go. Someone has been playing golf on field 9 and it's messing up the field. Stated if you see someone, call the OPD.

**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS** –Comm. LaTerra – All registration is open. Good registrations for spring camp. There was about 20 kids last checked. Planning to do a cheer program with k-4<sup>th</sup> this year. Summer programs running 3 weeks following rec camp. Already starting to get registrations for that as well.

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

**VOLLEYBALL** –Comm. Coira –Registration is still open with 33 currently registered. Will be running outside again.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS –**

**Truman Field** – We have a grant for \$200k and can spend up to \$400k if we can match it. We will talk with Jimmy from DPW about the condition of the sprinklers system. We need to review what we would like to do with this money. We are looking at lights which would up the cost another \$200k. The lights will make it more useable. Can look into other grants to help with covering costs and hopefully can start moving on this in the next year.

**Tennis Court**- the guy who runs pickleball is giving hard time because we're not putting the tape down on the courts this year because tennis players were tripping on the tape. Many just want to play outside of the program too.

**Batting Cages**- Looking to secure funding to cover the costs to replace the old cage.

**GaGa Ball**- A local scout is working on a proposal. We would like to put up a permanent pit. It is very popular at camp.

**COMMITTEE REPORT** – No report

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION** – No report

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – **Chair Guadagnino**- Recreation Budget: working with Councilman Van Eck and Saliani to make a change so all recreation money is used for recreation. We would like to meet in October annually with administration to review what recreation has brought in and how much has been spent to see what is available to spend. It was a shame we had to spend

fundraising money last year for the Field 8 project when recreation sign-up fees were just sitting in the budget unused. This is something we are actively working on.

**LIAISON REPORT-** Councilman Van Eck- No report

**OPEN SESSION-** As there were no public in attendance at the time of the public session, no public session was held.

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

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE HELD on April 25 AT 8:00PM.**