

OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 24, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:05 PM by Chairman Guadagnino, via remote Zoom Meeting under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Guadagnino, Hagerman, Logatto, Saliani, Scalabrini, King and Coira were present. Commissioners Walker and Laterra were absent.

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

A motion to excuse absent Commissioner was made by Chair Guadagnino and seconded by Commissioner King. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Report:

Regarding Fall/Winter boys travel basketball was originally targeted to be canceled this year since away teams not permitted in gyms. Jen and I spoke, then she with the travel coaches and developed a plan to push back start time to January and use the Valley gym in December for practices. Games would be played at outside facilities and VMS would be used only for rec games/practices starting in January.

Over the weekend 1 positive covid case in boys travel basketball. Contact tracing was done all weekend and handled according to CDC and county guidelines. Chairman Guadagnino spoke with the Superintendent of schools, borough Administrator and school nurse several times over the weekend. It was determined to pause the travel program's use of the gyms at this time, but they may use outside facilities. We received some pushback on this decision but not everyone will agree. Just a note that Franklin Lakes cancelled their Rec basketball program all together. Chairman Guadagnino states that he personally does not agree with all the shut down and lock downs occurring in the state, but this is a town program that we are stewards of, and must follow the protocols including the NJSIA guidelines. We are all in this together and all live in the same town so hostile words about my fellow commissioners are uncalled for.

Commissioner. King stated:

- she was not aware travel basketball had started. She was under the impression it started in November, the same time hockey starts.
- In addition to the one positive Covid case in the travel program there was an additional positive case in the school. When 2 unrelated cases are reported it forces a shutdown according to the Bergen County Board of Health. She asked if they used the school gym for the tryouts, which they did.

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

- **TJ Downey, 172 Hiawatha** stated he just wanted to listen but then wanted to clarify that travel began end of October not November as Commissioner. King had previously stated. He wished he'd know there was a lot of disagreements about the decisions made, he

would have taken care of it before it escalated TJ offered to speak with anyone who needs clarity on using outside gyms. He thanked everyone for an awesome job.

The following reports were made and unanimously accepted.

BASEBALL – Commissioner. Saliani – travel teams put together and picked. All umpires paid and closing out the fall season. Season officially done until sometime in January.

BASKETBALL – Commissioner. Walker- Commissioner Guadagnino report on this later.

FOOTBALL – Commissioner. Hagerman – officially wrapped up on Saturday. Unbelievable season, learned a lot. Overall success. We played 40 tackle football games, every team finished above 500. Juniors ranked in the top 12. Our seniors won the American bowl and beat paramus so they finished 4 and 3. Our Juniors lost the Rose Bowl to Rivervale. Kiwi's finished 5 and 2 and lost to Mahwah in the Sugar Bowl. They all had a great season. To top it off, Mighty Mightys were undefeated and only gave up 2 touchdowns.great support from the high school coach spoke to the kids. Didn't expect to play until the end of November. Partnered well with Jenn handling cheerleading and Covid protocols and traveling. Everyone had a lot of playing time. Season was delayed, started in October

One child had to sit out a game due to contact tracing. Fortunately he was ok. Everybody involved did a Phenomenal job. I have 100% gratitude for what people do. People should appreciate we were lucky to play during a pandemic...many other towns not allowed to play. Limiting our practices to three times a week helped a lot.

Commissioner King congratulated Commissioner Hagerman . She did not see any negative comments on social media and she didn't receive any negative phone calls. He replied this is a new culture change and the kids were having fun. Regardless if a B or an A team, they played as all one.

Chair Guadagnino praised him for a great job and really came through.

BASKETBALL – Chair Guadagnino – rec basketball will be starting on January 11th. Travel basketball will not be using the gyms until January 11th.

GOLF – Commissioner Laterra – no report

ROLLER HOCKEY – Commissioner King - Dan Lenc attended the league meeting..... Not starting games until January. Each team will be Playing 10 games. Games will be played on the weekends unless a game is canceled then will be rescheduled for during the week. We'll start practices after thanksgiving. I kept the signups open until after Dec 1. Parents are more comfortable with kids playing outside and since roller hockey is an outdoor sport we have a lot of younger kids signing up. Not sure if having a senior season. It will depend on what the NJSIA

does. If they cancel ice hockey or youth sports get shutdown, we anticipate the high school kids will want to play some type of hockey. That means roller hockey.

We have kids coming from Wyckoff, since they were not able to fields one of the levels.

League discussed Covid protocols and CDC guidelines.

I gave Mike my Covid protocols however; one of the coaches was not happy that I am requiring parents to wear masks when assembling around the rink and maintain a 6ft. distance. I explained to this coach has to wear a mask while on the rink and on the bench or the coach will not coach. I'm hoping whoever takes my spot keeps these guidelines in place. I assured this coach I would be down at the rink at the beginning of each game to ensure parents are wearing masks.

Chair Guadagnino asked what the league rule is for coaches. All coaches must wear masks and all kids must wear masks until they enter the rink. Our kids wear gators and all coaches and refs are wearing masks at all times.

SOCCER – Commissioner. Saliani – wrapped season this weekend. K-2 level 200 kids which is normal. We played close to 100 games. For our travel portion we started a new league including between ourselves, Franklin Lakes, Mahwah and Allendale. No issues, no fines, it worked out well. We decided to do the same next year.

Chair Guadagnino asked if we have a date for the baseball/softball parade. Commissioner Logatto stated June 5.

SOFTBALL – Commissioner Logatto-no report

SPECIAL NEEDS – Commissioner Scalabrini- no report but I do have things to say
Ken De Jennaro suggested to hold off until things get better. Chair Guadagnino asked for a status on bowling. I'll have to get back to you on that.

TENNIS – Commissioner Scalabrini – the bench dedication in memory of Barry Sandler took place on Nov 1. I'll share pictures of that. Pickleball started, 2-3 nights a week. Try to keep going until Dec. I'll send pictures to Mike of that too.

WRESTLING – Commissioner Logatto – we are going to have wrestling sign ups on or about Dec 10th thru the end of the month. Entire rec wrestling is on hold.

The coaches will wait until March 1 to begin wrestling. They will reach out to other towns to see how they're handling things. They would do a season for a month or 5 or 6 weeks and they're willing to start in March 1-april 1. We are doing registration in December.

Commissioner Saliani suggested to keep him in the loop. He will coordinate baseball around wrestling.

CHEERLEADING – Chair Guadagnino reporting for Commissioner LaTerra –season just ended. Healthy season. Happy to see everyone cheering on our cheerleaders and football players.

Now working on uniform return. Thanks to all my coaches and cheer moms for making a great season.

LACROSSE – Commissioner Coira reported by Chair Guadagnino– schedule to start usual time and working with high school programs. K thru 2 stay in Oakland. Rest go through Franklin Lakes.

Commissioner. King said she posted info on the mom's page.

SUMMER CAMP – Chair Guadagnino- scheduled June 28-Aug 6. Anticipating a full camp with pandemic being over. Beginning a couple days after school ends.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS Chair Guadagnino- after thanksgiving please follow all DPW signs.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS – Chair Guadagnino reported for Commissioner. Laterra – no report

MOUNTAIN BIKE – Commissioner. Hagerman – no report

VOLLEYBALL – Chair Guadagnino reported Commissioner Coira – postponing to end of January.

CAPITAL PROJECTS –.

D'Elia sign- Logatto

Informational sign- ready for shipment Dec 3rd. They will hold in storage for us. Commissioner Logatto to email picture to Chair Guadagnino for sizing.

COMMITTEE REPORT – Chair Guadagnino

Travel Sports policy - anything come of this? Commissioner. Saliani to send Commissioner Guadagnino an email as a reminder since no one has gotten back to him.

PPE- Chair Guadagnino asked if everyone sent in their orders.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION – No Report

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Chairman Guadagnino

2021 schedule-putting together

Meeting dates:

Dec 21, Jan 25 Feb 22, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 24, June 28 July 26, Aug off, Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 22, Dec 20

OPEN SESSION- Motion to open to the public for a second open session by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner King. The motion passed unanimously.

TJ Downey, 172 Hiawatha - congratulated everyone for a great job.

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

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

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE HELD via Zoom Monday, December 21, 2020 AT 8:00PM.