

**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FOR JANUARY  
Monday, September 27, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:05PM by Chairman Guadagnino, held via Zoom (891 9808 6877) under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Guadagnino, Scalabrini, Bleeker, Coira, Saliani, Hagerman, LaTerra, and Logatto were present. Councilman Van Eck was also present.

**Chair's Report:** Chairman Guadagnino shared we are back on Zoom due to updates with masks rules. We are also dealing with issues where tennis court participants are fighting with each other, we had to call the police for one "dispute" on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We are discussing with the borough the idea of hiring someone to be there to check badges during busy hours. There have been several complaints from individuals who don't have badges and aren't supposed to be on the courts. Commissioner Hagerman will be taking over baseball and Commissioner Saliani will take basketball. There is now an open seat on the commission.

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

**Approval of previous months minutes-** A motion to approve the July 2021 regular meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner Scalabrini. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**BASEBALL** – Comm. Saliani –Try outs begin this Thursday and evaluations go through October 16<sup>th</sup>. We will announce teams in November. George hill from High School will do the evaluations. 8u-12u will be held at the rec fields and 13u+ will be held at the high school. Fall ball is underway and halfway through the season.

**BASKETBALL** – Comm. Laterra – We started getting ready for the season and flyer will go out this week for sign ups. Spoke with Board of Education to check on the status of gyms. As of today, Oakland residents will be able to use all 4 gyms in the elementary for Oakland kids only. Still waiting to here on whether travel can play in the gyms.

**FOOTBALL** – Comm. Hagerman –We are in week 4. Everything is going well. Had our first home game. People are hanging around more with less restrictions and no masks. We've added more trash cans. Having a great turn out and snack bar was open. This weekend is our Solute to Heroes and Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> is the Senior Night. Expected to wrap up season in mid-November.

**GOLF** – Comm. Bleeker – Spoke to John who runs the program. Asked to move start back a week to avoid Jewish holidays. Just began this past week.

**ROLLER HOCKEY** – Comm. Bleeker – Sign ups started beginning of September. Notifications have gone out. Rosa will run a report to see our numbers so far. Tentatively at the end of October, we will go through our gear and try to distribute to new kids. Have 5 new kids in the clinic so far. Met with Jimmy at the rink to discuss ideas to protect the score board. We have a number for a repair company but are waiting until the net is up. People are using it daily so we will put the lights on daily until 10:30. We got signs for the championship teams to put on the rink that we can add over the years. We are reviewing design options.

**SOCCER** – Comm. Saliani – We are having a big program. We have 78 in Kindergarten, 78 boys in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 60 girls in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have several teams. Season is going very well.

**SOFTBALL** – Comm. Logatto – No Report.

**SPECIAL NEEDS** – Comm. Scalabrini – Football started Sept 12 weather permitting until November 21<sup>st</sup>. Ken said its very weather dependent so there is no set schedule. It's going well so far. Need to review special needs basketball with Steve.

**TENNIS** – Comm. Scalabrini – Rec tennis ending October 16<sup>th</sup>. Pickleball continues until November. Everything is running smoothly at this point.

**WRESTLING** – Comm. Logatto – Spoke with wrestling director Bobby S. There will be a league this year. We have been in touch with the coach from the high school and will likely have them come by to get to know the kids. A flyer will be sent to Rosa this week. Practices will be at NJ Sport House and season begins Monday after Thanksgiving.

**CHEERLEADING** –Comm. LaTerra – Season is going well so far. Home game went smoothly and the Solute to Heroes will be this weekend. We will decorate red white and blue for this weekend. No issues.

**LACROSSE** – Comm. Coira – Oakland and Franklin Lakes share a program for competitive lacrosse. Our Pre-k through second grade are offered in house clinic. Franklin Lakes sent out a flyer about their program including their younger kid program. There was confusion amongst parents of the younger grades regarding our program. We sent out a clarification email this afternoon regarding our pre-k – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade clinic with the plan to start a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade competitive team this year. Matt Myones from the lacrosse program stated, we would run in the same league at Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff. We don't think we will have enough kids in the older grades to sustain teams of our own so they will continue to play with Franklin Lakes. Our goal is to eventually have an independent program. Chairman Guadagnino stated that his concern is that if we don't have enough children to make a team then the parents would be upset if they can't go back to Franklin Lakes. Commissioner Coira stated that we should be fine with filling a boys team but there are concerns with a girls team. Last year we had to combine with Wyckoff and Franklin Lakes to be able to hold a team. Going to work with the other sports to be flexible

to encourage kids to join in. We will need to develop a budget for the new competitive program. Chairman Guadagnino said to talk with Neal about setting this up.

**SUMMER CAMP** – Chair Guadagnino- Went well this year. Only 2 COVID issues over the course of the summer. Due to the setup of keeping groups separated, this only effected limited amounts of children.

**PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS** - Chair Guadagnino- Danny D’Elia will be getting a major makeover. The whole thing is being painted and redone. Commissioner Hagerman was reviewing cleaning out the back room and stated it was largely camp.

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

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

**VOLLEYBALL** –Comm. Coira – We had a good turnout this year with the outdoor program. Only thing difficult was the weather. It was hot and June was rainy. But overall worked out well. We will likely go back indoors for the next season. Thinking about running a spring or fall mini season outside.

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS –**

**Field 8 / Sod project** – It is holding up well with the regular use from football.

**Tennis Court-** Grant was approved so we are waiting to hear back from Boswell engineering. We would like to do it in the spring.

**Great Oak Park Basketball Courts-** Boswell stated that the level of engineering would make it too expensive of a project at this time in that location. We will resume discussions on locations.

**The Colony Neighborhood Basketball Courts-** No additional details as of now.

**COMMITTEE REPORT** – No report

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION** – Incident Report Procedure. Chairman Guadagnino asked if everyone is clear on the process. He reviewed the procedure for everyone.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – Chairman Guadagnino stated that it is time to start working on budgets. Commissioner Hagerman asked for details on the lightning detector. He said he felt the 10 mile

radius is a little aggressive and feels that it should be closer to 5 miles. Chairman Guadagnino said for fall football he will move to 5 but in the spring it will go back to 10 for spring and summer.

**LIAISON REPORT-** Councilman Van Eck- Wanted to talk about the recognition program at the council meeting and wants to know what details he needs. Commissioner Bleeker stated he will send the list of kids to Clerk Lisa Duncan so she can make certificates. Commissioner Bleeker will say something and they will get their certificates. Also asked that there is a discussion prior to Friday's meeting to make sure everyone is on the same page. Councilman Van Eck will reach out to Kathy and Rich to initiate this conversation. He also asked for the commission's feedback on masking to bring back to the council on opinions. Some commissioners gave their opinions.

**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 Saliani and seconded by Commissioner Bleeker. The motion passed unanimously.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE HELD on October 25<sup>th</sup> AT 8:00PM.**