**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FOR JANUARY**

**Monday, August 7, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:02PM by Chairman Guadagnino, at the Danny D’Lia under the public sunshine laws.

**Attendance:**

Present: Commissioners Guadagnino, Rotondo, Bleeker, Logatto, Catalano, Roy, Wall,

Absent: Commissioner Scalabrini and Ives

**Chair’s Report**: We will have an executive session to discuss the grievance that’s been brought forward. If the commission feels its legitimate than we will put together a separate committee made up from commission members and they will fact find and make their recommendations based off the research. We will then communicate with the Borough attorney and administration, so everyone is aware of what is happening. We need to follow town by-laws.

A motion to excuse Commissioners Ives and Scalabrini was made by Commissioner Bleeker and seconded by Commissioner Wall. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**Neil Malmud**- Treasurer for Commission reminded everyone that in October we will need to submit the budget for 2024. If anyone needs to make changes such as raising fees, needs to bring it to Neil’s attention. You can also schedule a meeting with Neil to discuss and review further. If you would like to increase your expense line in the budget, you will need to show proof why, such as increase in kids to account for it.

**Lindsey Smith (Chamber of Commerce): Baseball & Softball Sponsorship Proposal**

Commissioner Logatto shared a possible concern of parents that if there is coverage from this sponsorship for the uniforms, why are the fees for families not coming down.

Chair Guadagnino responded that since we are running at a deficit this year due to unexpected prices increases in umpire fees and equipment, this would allow us to continue to keep prices at the same level instead of raising them to offset the costs. In addition, we would be able to get nicer quality uniforms. Our fees are significantly lower than many other towns as is.

Ms. Smith also wanted to make a point that the Chamber is under new leadership and wanted to support the families and community by helping to keep the pricing at an affordable rate for families.

The other question suggested by Commissioner Rotondo will likely be why baseball and softball are the only sports being sponsored. Chair Guadagnino responded that it will be s test with these sports and will expand next year to soccer and basketball if successful.

Chair Guadagnino asked if there was a motion to approve sponsorship program. A motion to approved the uniform sponsorship program with the Chamber of Commerce was made by Commissioner Logatto and seconded by Commissioner Bleeker.

**Vote Roll Call of Present Commissioners**

Chair Gaudagnino- yes

Commissioner Rotonodo- yes

Commissioner Bleeker -yes

Commissioner Logatto- yes

Commissioner Roy- yes

Commissioner Catalano- yes

Commissioner Wall- yes

Commissioners absent- Ives and Scalabrini

Motion passes.

A motion to close the public session was made by Commissioner Logatto and seconded by Commissioner Rotondo. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of previous months minutes-** A motion to approve the June 2023 minutes was made by Commissioner Wall and seconded by Commissioner Bleeker. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**BASEBALL** – Comm. Catalano – No Report

**BASKETBALL** – Comm. Ives – No Report

**FOOTBALL** – Comm. Catalano– Equipment distribution is completed, and the first practice begins tomorrow. It has been delayed one day due to rain.

**GOLF** – Comm. Bleeker – No Report

**ROLLER HOCKEY** – Comm. Bleeker – No Report

**SOCCER** – Comm. Rotondo – We are busy getting schedules together. Short a few coaches but are working on recruiting to get everything settled.

**SOFTBALL** – Comm. Logatto- Travel season ended July 31st. Rec and Travel seasons went well.

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

**TENNIS** – Comm. Scalabrini – Indian Hills will be using the courts from the end of August through October.

**WRESTLING** – Comm. Wall – The room has been repainted at IHHS. Installed the fans for the air circulation and new mats are coming at the end of the month. Installed a new spotlight for the matches. We will start open mats in the fall to get kids interested. We will work with SAO to get insurance protection. We have secured a treasurer for the football program.

**CHEERLEADING** –Comm. Roy – Cheer is up and running. Met with all of the coaches to discuss expectations. 140 girls are signed up. Working closely with football. Moving the minis to flag football was exciting for them. They get more specializing. It will be a great introduction to cheer.

**LACROSSE** – Ives – No report

**SUMMER CAMP** – Chair Guadagnino- Camp is over and it had the least amount of problems in a long time. Thankfully it is because COVID is over so a lot less small issues due to exposures and illnesses.

**PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS** - Chair Guadagnino- We will start transitioning the fields to prep for football and soccer

**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS –**Comm. Wall – All of our programs are going well. The rest have been well attended. TGA camp is running and this morning it was tentative due to weather. The camp ran at Wells field.

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

**VOLLEYBALL –**Comm. Roy – Enrollment was so big that other towns have reached out about scrimmages and games. Hopefully we can create a little league and will talk with Coach Parks about planning. Need to figure it out before October for the budget.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS** –

**Tennis Court**- Its going out to bid at the next week’s meeting.

**Field Upgrades-** Will start fields 5 and 9 and communicate with Jimmy and Vendor John. We are waiting on additional grant money to go to the other fields. Our hope is to complete part of the softball fields by next season, but is in the plan for the next round of additional funding.

**Pavilion/Band Shell**- Almost Complete, waiting on electric but don’t believe it will be done for the September 9 event. We will likely run generators for the event.

**COMMITTEE REPORT –** No report

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION –** No report

**OLD BUSINESS –** None

**NEW BUSINESS –** None

**LIAISON REPORT-** Councilman Saliani- No Report

**OPEN SESSION**- Seeing no public who wished to speak, a second open session was not held.

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Rotondo and seconded by Commissioner Bleeker. The motion passed unanimously.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE HELD on September 18 AT 8:00PM.**