

**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FOR JANUARY
Monday, February 27, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:00PM by Chairman Guadagnino, held via Zoom (825 8092 8001) under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Guadagnino, Bleeker, Ives, Catalano, Roy, Rotondo, Logatto, Scalabrini and Wall were in attendance.

Chair's Report: Chair Guadagnino stated that he believes were doing a really good job connecting with Indian Hills and growing our relationship with them. The year has run very smoothly across the board. We are very excited about everything happening with basketball. It helps our relationship and IHHS in general in the long run. Chair Guadagnino introduced Joseph Macones from Max Custom Apparel and opened the floor to him.

Max Custom Apparel (Joseph Macones)- Mr. Macones introduced himself and his business and shared the following information; About a year ago they became full time a screen printing and embroidery business and would like to offer their services to the groups and teams in town. Shared that almost everything is done in house which allows for a quick turnaround time. We also help with setting up online sale stores making it easy for a group to sales and fundraisers. We are set up as a town vendor and have worked with many other groups in towns. We really would like to give back to the community and support however we can. We also donate back to the organizations we work with. Turnaround times are usually 2-3 weeks.

Approval of previous months minutes- A motion to approve the 2023 Reorganization minutes was made by Commissioner Rotondo and seconded by Commissioner Logatto. The motion passed unanimously. The January 2023 regular meeting minutes 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 Scalabrini and seconded by Commissioner Bleeker. The motion passed unanimously.

Seeing no one from the public, a motion to close the open session was made by Commissioner Wall and seconded by Commissioner Rotondo. The motion passed unanimously.

The following reports were made and unanimously accepted.

BASEBALL – Comm. Catalano – Baseball is running well. Registration is supposed to end March 1st but may extend it. Over 200 rec registration and travel registration is done. New uniforms for rec have been ordered. Expecting 5-6 teams in the middle school grades. We will be going to a Memorial Day tournament with travel.

BASKETBALL – Comm. Ives –Senior Night was very well attended. We traveled to Ramsey and had enough Oakland players go to watch and support the team that they had to close the gym. We are finishing up our seasons. Our boys travel starts playoffs this week and girls next week. On March 12 we have the Magic Masters Game and are hoping for a great turnout. We ordered some new basketballs and score board equipment form fundraising. Had some coaches reach out about extending season and offer a spring clinic ball for the travel teams. Is this something we could explore? Coach Guadagnino stated that the basketball courts by the middle school are the town's so if we wanted to hold a program there, we absolutely can and would just need to coordinate with the commissioners who are in season. We also would need to check to see if we would need to pay for janitors if we were to do it indoors and can look at SAO funds that might be available.

FOOTBALL – Comm. Catalano– Sent out all equipment for reconditioning. Bought about 50 new helmets. Oldest we have will be form 2019. Usually good for 10 years so were in a good place with helmets.

GOLF – Comm. Bleeker – Registration is open for golf. We sent the info out twice. Sent again just before break but unsure of the current numbers.

ROLLER HOCKEY – Comm. Bleeker – Competitive has wrapped up no issues. A great season Midget through clinic level. Everyone loves the advertising signs and the blackout screens work well. Season went quick with very little weather issues. Midgets took 2nd but no one made it to the finals. Year-end party has been postponed to next week due to weather.

SOCCER – Comm. Rotondo – No Report

SOFTBALL – Comm. Logatto – Registration is open. Uniforms are ordered. Rec season starts first week of April. Travel tryouts are 3rd week in March or early April and will be posted accordingly. Coach Malmud working with Coach Light to get the clinic planned will be around the 3rd week in April. The parade is scheduled for June 3rd and the travel season is set to begin on or around June 15th.

SPECIAL NEEDS – Comm. Scalabrini – Off this weekend and have 2 more weeks left. Everything has run well. We need a bigger gym for next year as the program has gained a lot of interest.

TENNIS – Comm. Scalabrini – Registration is starting and the spring session is scheduled to begin April 24 and go through end of May. Summer season will follow.

WRESTLING – Comm. Wall – Winding down the season. Kids had a successful year with 16 going to regionals. 3 kids are going to states. Overall, they had a good year. Insured until end of March at the Sports House.

CHEERLEADING –Comm. Roy – 12 coaches are committed. Trying to come up with our plan. Asking commission for input on what to do about uniforms. What do you do if uniforms are not returned or is there something we can put into our literature regarding consequences.

Chair Guadagnino stated we will suspend the individual's enrollment until the uniforms are returned.

LACROSSE – Ives – Registration for k-2 clinic opens on Wednesday. We will get time at Indian Hills to run it. Spoke with Duncan to get time. There is interest in a 3-4th grade girls clinic because there was no available space for them with any other towns due to the late registration. We didn't have enough to make our own team and we didn't have enough to combine with Franklin Lakes so they were sent to Wyckoff however they were full due to the late timing. There are several girls on the Wyckoff wait list.

SUMMER CAMP – Chair Guadagnino- Registration for camps begins March 1. Hard close for Open Camp on March 31st. There will be some extension for Regular day camp but very hard cut off for the Open Camp as trips need to be finalized and payments must be made. We are still hiring for camp. There is a lot of activity going on.

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS - Chair Guadagnino- Lights are still on at the Rec Field until 8:30pm for the walkers. We have had no complaints.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS –Comm. Wall – No report

MOUNTAIN BIKE – Comm. Rotondo– No report

VOLLEYBALL –Comm. Roy – Season begins middle of April. We are getting last registrations in but we are all set to go.

CAPITAL PROJECTS –

Truman Field – Went to council meeting on Wednesday. No one had questions or problems. From Commissioner Rotondo's understanding, we should be in good shape. We had to resubmit the grant due to the change to include lights in the grant. It has been resubmitted and waiting to hear back from the county. Councilman Saliani shared that he received an update shortly before the meeting tonight and the time frame has changed because it will take time to get the permits. We won't receive them until September. Councilman Saliani will get more details and get back to commission.

Tennis Court- Bid will go out by the end of March.

Field Upgrades- We applied for the \$100k grant through the state. If we receive it, will move quickly to pull it together.

COMMITTEE REPORT – No report

COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION – No report

OLD BUSINESS – Changes to travel sports document- The last version of the document is set but we are still stuck on the baseball issue with the delay of start following try outs and people leaving the program to go to other teams in the meantime. Chair Guadagnino stated we can have an offline meeting to discuss further.

CPR class for coaches- Matt Goodrich will be doing a CPR program. We will be CPR certifying all the summer camp directors. March 5th football travel coaches will be CPR certified. We can do another following that.

Missing Banners- We have a new company to make the missing banners from last year. We will be giving them extra seasons to make up for the delay.

NEW BUSINESS – Memorial Day Parade- The Oakland Special Events Committee is requesting recreation to participate in the parade. Chair Guadagnino asked Commissioners Logatto and Catalano if they can reach out to their programs to see if anyone is available. He also asked if there was a commissioner available to be the supervisor for the rec kids during the parade.

LIAISON REPORT- Councilman Saliani- Wanted to let Commissioner Catalano know that for the tournament he is planning that we need the numbers 3 weeks in advance to prepare insurance documents. He also stated that he will be pushing the town to move forward with the Truman Field Upgrade. Chair Guadagnino wanted to reiterate that he and Commissioner Rotondo are not happy regarding the delays. Also said he understood that food trucks are allowed and have been approved but will confirm.

OPEN SESSION- A motion to open to the public was made by Commissioner Logatto and seconded by Commissioner Roy. The motion passed unanimously.

Seeing no members of the public a motion to close the open session was made by Commissioner Roy and seconded by Commissioner Ives. The motion passed unanimously.

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 March 27 AT 8:00PM.