

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:02PM by Chairman Guadagnino, held via Zoom (876 8998 0052) under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Guadagnino, Ives, La Terra, Hagerman, Scalabrini, Rotondo, Grant and Bleeker were present. Commissioner Logatto arrived late and Commissioner Coira was absent.

**Chair's Report:** COVID is doing better. We are not seeing many issues and hoping come spring there will be more relaxed.

**Open Session-** Motion to open to the public was made by Commissioner La Terra and seconded by Commissioner Bleeker. The motion passed unanimously. As no one from the public requested to speak, a motion to close the open session was made by Commissioner Scalabrini and seconded by Commissioner Bleeker. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of previous months minutes-** A motion to approve the January 2022 regular meeting minutes was made by Commissioner La Terra and seconded by Commissioner Rotondo. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to approve the 2022 reorganization meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Hagerman and seconded by Commissioner Rotondo. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**BASEBALL** – Comm. Hagerman – Approved with Little League. Registration is still on going. Over 200 kids amongst all levels. Looking to start games week of 4/18. Practices will start beforehand. Games will go until June. Parade is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>. Travel Baseball opening day USADL new league will kick off Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Still have not heard back from Chopper about Father Day's Tournament but will move forward. Secured a coordinator for T-ball. We are still TBD on the 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade for a coordinator. Still looking for some coaches and volunteers.

**BASKETBALL** – Comm. Ives – We are in the last month of the season. Rec teams begin playoffs this week. Travel playoffs begin next week with several teams playing in that.

**FOOTBALL** – Comm. Hagerman – Came to attention that the town would like to recognize the 2021 Pee Wee Team and will do that at the second council meeting in March. Question: Can we make a championship sign to put on the field? And are there any limitation to that? Chairman Guadagnino said to keep the sign to the size of the Hockey ones. A parent has offered to redo the side of the shed that faces Field 9 to clean and update. Chairman Guadagnino said get a template of the design to bring to the town for approval. Steve Catalano and Paul Donahue will be the leads for Recreation Program and the contacts for the day to day operations.

**GOLF** – Comm. Bleeker – Registration has begun. Right on schedule for last year. Sent out notices to the hockey kids to try to encourage additional players. Looking at similar numbers to last year.

**ROLLER HOCKEY** – Comm. Bleeker – The season wrapped up. Midgets tied for 1<sup>st</sup>. Juniors ended up at first seed, and play offs begin Wednesday.

**SOCCER** – Comm. Rotondo – Getting ready to open registration in April.

**SOFTBALL** – Comm. Logatto – Registration is going well. Still have a way to go for numbers we need. Practices will begin first week of April. Games begin first week of May. Travel try outs will be announced to all rec players as soon as they get on the field. Gives them about a month notice. Parade will be 6/4. Will work with Commissioner Hagerman on that. Plan to meet with Rosa this week to ensure all is on order. Plan to make the parade big.

**SPECIAL NEEDS** – Comm. Scalabrini- Basketball has two weeks left. All is going well.

**TENNIS** – Comm. Scalabrini – The rec tennis program will be starting April 25<sup>th</sup>. First session will be 5 weeks. Team tennis will start May 17<sup>th</sup> and go through Aug 18<sup>th</sup>.

**WRESTLING** – Comm. Logatto – The final week of wrestling. Had a very successful season. Went undefeated in their league. Team champions of the league in the Twin County Duel League. Plan to attend second Mayor and Council Meeting in April for the kids to receive certificates and proclamation for a great season.

**CHEERLEADING** –Comm. LaTerra – Registration opens tomorrow.

**LACROSSE** – Comm. Coira – Clinic signups are underway. The clinic will begin in April and will run either Saturday or a Sunday morning for six weeks depending on weather and the coaches' schedules. There are currently 21 children signed up for the clinic. Already spoke to Commissioner Logatto about the scheduling. The IHHS coaches had their schedules changed this year and they have several games Saturday mornings so we may move some sessions to Sunday mornings. Truman is available for Sundays.

**SUMMER CAMP** – Chair Guadagnino- Camp will be returning back to normal. Trips will be running this year. Registration opens beginning of May. Anyone who signs up can attend as long as you register during the registration dates. If you don't sign up during the registration session, you will likely not be able to attend and may be turned away.

**PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS** - Chair Guadagnino- Feilds have to be approved by DPW before we can get on the fields. Primarily a concern for baseball.

**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS** –Comm. Laterra – Registration is open and will stay open through the beginning of the programs. That is second week in August after rec camp ends. Will look into the numbers for spring break camp.

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

**VOLLEYBALL** –Comm. Coira – Signups are underway. Volleyball will be held outdoors again this year at the recreation field beginning May 3 for Tuesday & May 5 for Thursday and run 8 weeks through the end of June. The clinic will be identical to previous years with the same coaches and both boys and girls are welcome to join for grades 3-8.

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS** –

**Tennis Court-** Met in October and were all set to go, but were then notified the project has to go out to bid. Nothing has been moved forward on this yet at this time. Commissioner Scalabrini reached out to Councilman Van Eck for assistance with the project and it looks to be moving forward in April. Confirmed from Boswell that we will have a full summary report by end of day tomorrow. Councilman Van Eck will be in touch with Scalabrini to discuss the report.

**Truman Field-** Applied for a grant a few years ago and were approved for a grant of up to 200k up to half the cost to complete the project. We would like to do sod and benches to make it a beautiful new soccer field. We were told we have some money in capital to help cover the cost and would like to raise some of the funds so we can do a complete restoration. This would include sprinklers, sod, benches, and fencing. Commissioner Rotondo asked about lights. Chair Guadagnino said we can look into it as a second phase of the project and asked Commissioner Rotondo to do some research and possibly quote.

**COMMITTEE REPORT** – No Report

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION** – No Report

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – would like thoughts on zoom meetings, asked to return to delia beginning next month. Asked logatto to look at the schedule to block out the dates.

**LIAISON REPORT-** Councilman Van Eck- Reviewed some updates of what is happening in the town including some ordinances updates, access for all committee returning, budgets, reassessment information, taxes, and traffic studies.

Looking forward to honoring Pee Wee football and wrestling in upcoming meetings.

**OPEN SESSION-** Motion to open to public was made by Commissioner Scalabrini and seconded by Commissioner Hagerman. Seeing nobody requesting to speak a motion to close was made by Commissioner Hagerman and seconded by Commissioner Rotondo. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 28TH AT 8:00PM AT THE D'ELIA BUILDING.**