

OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FOR JANUARY
Monday, January 30, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:00PM by Chairman Guadagnino, held at the Danny D'Elia Building under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Guadagnino, Rotondo, Catalano, Logatto, Wall, Roy and Scalabrini were in attendance. Commissioner Bleeker was absent.

Commissioner Ives arrived late at 8:11pm.

Chair's Report: No Report.

SAO- President wanted to introduce the new trasurer Katrina. Katrina wanted to review some policies and how things work such as how to host a fundraiser.

Katrina- Printed a couple of copie of the new deposit form and the chek request froms. It must have the commissioners signature on it. If someone is unavailable Chair Guadagnino can sign. This allows for greater communciation and ensure everyone is in the know.

Chair Guadagnino asked about Venmo. She stated that she currently has one under her personal number so she can't add another account, but said that we will discuss with the president on how to make it happen. We woud like to create an SAO Venmo for everyone to send to and keep track. Discussed about the logistics of how this will work and how they will track.

Reviewed Fundraiser Protocols- Chair Guadagnino asked for clarification when a frundraiser is being run and they are collecting cash and checks, can the sport take the money they have collected and pay the vendors directly or does the money have to be deposited first into the SAO account and then they make the payments to vendors? SAO President said that all money has to go into the account and then be taken out oft he account to allow for proper tracking of the money. This is the same for all fundraising. The SAO President also reminded everyone there is a 6 week lead time to starting a fundraiser as there are paperworks that have tob e approved by the town. Things such as raffle licesnses take time. We need a lead time to get eveything in order. Chair Guadagnino also wanted to reiterate if the SAO is running an event, then you need insurance from the SAO, not the town. For example the mums sale is run through the SAO. So they have to do the insurance. Any fundraiser needs SAO insurance as the town does not do fundraisers. SAO would contact their insurance and add the event rider to their insurance. A reminder as well people should not be collecting money via venmo on their prsonal accounts and then submitting the money tot he SAO.

Chamber of Commerce: Lindsey Smith with the Oakland Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting to introduce herself. She signed on in December. She stated that the Chamber would like to be involved with Fever Pitch and asked how the chamber can get involved. Chair Guadagnino stated in the past the Chamber paid for some things and sponsored the event. They also usually handed out swag bags and had a snack table with giveaways. Ms. Smith said that the Chamber

would like to support however is requested of them and that while the Chamber doesn't doing the sponsoring directly, she will take on the role to recruit involvement with the town's businesses

Chair Guadagnino said he will attend the Special Events Committee Meeting and see what comes of the meeting and will follow up with Ms. Smith to see how they can help from there. Would love to see the Chamber involved and see what they can do to support the event.

Approval of previous months minutes- A motion to approve the December 2022 regular meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Rotondo and seconded by Commissioner Logatto. The motion passed unanimously.

Assignment of sports: Chair Guadagnino reviewed sports assignments for 2023.
Commissioner Scalabrini- Tennis & Special Needs
Commissioner Logatto- Softball
Commissioner Roy- Cheer and Volleyball
Commissioner Catalano- Baseball and Football
Commissioner Rotondo- Soccer and Mountain Bike
Commissioner Wall- Wrestling and Summer Recreation
Commissioner Ives- Basketball and Lacrosse
Commissioner Bleeker- Roller Hockey and Golf
Commissioner Guadagnino- Summer Camp and Parks & Playground

Motion to approve the sports assignments as read was made by Commissioner Scalabrini and seconded by Commissioner Logatto. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Assignments: Chair Guadagnino reviewed the committees and how they work. He specifically reviewed the grievance committee in detail as it is the most commonly met committee:

Conduct Committee: Commissioners Ives, Rotondo and Logatto (Chair) with Catalano as alternate.

Finance Committee: Chair Neil Malmud, Commissioner Scalabrini, Bleeker, and Roy

Policy Committee: Commissioners Wall, Catalano (Chair) and Scalabrini

Key Master- Bob Scalabrini

Field Scheduling- Dan Logatto

A motion to approve the Committee Assignments was made by Commissioner Rotondo and seconded by Commissioner Catalano. The motion was approved unanimously.

Open Session- A motion to open to the public was made by Commissioner Roy and seconded by Commissioner Scalabrini. The motion passed unanimously.

As no one from the public wished to speak, a motion to close the open session was made by Commissioner Logatto and seconded by Commissioner Logatto. The motion passed unanimously.

The following reports were made and unanimously accepted.

BASEBALL – Comm. Catalano – Registration is open and closes March 30th.

BASKETBALL – Comm. Ives – We are about halfway through the season and by the time we meet next month travel will have started play offs. Schools have been great giving us time in the gym. IHHS has been great and is giving us 3 days now. No issues. Magic Masters game March 12.

FOOTBALL – Comm. Catalano– Everything is good. Chopper Russo has donated an AED for football teams to travel with so everyone will have one when traveling. Commissioner Wall suggested checking insurance regarding having it and ensuring training.

GOLF – Comm. Bleeker – Flyer has been sent out for sign-ups.

ROLLER HOCKEY – Comm. Bleeker – All levels running smoothly, playoffs about to start

SOCCER – Comm. Rotondo – No report

SOFTBALL – Comm. Logatto – Registration has begun and goes through March 30th. The parade is scheduled for the first Saturday in June.

SPECIAL NEEDS – Comm. Scalabrini – Basketball started and is going very well. 30-35 kids are participating. We maxed out in the gym. Thanks to Steve for help getting the high school kids involved. The SAO got them jerseys and they love them.

TENNIS – Comm. Scalabrini – No Report

WRESTLING – Comm. Wall – We are halfway through the season. Kids are having a good season and a lot of success. Season will end mid-February. Still figuring out management moving forward and figuring out how to manage the space at NJ Sports House. Having some challenges with the AD at the high school and some security at the high school. We have some financial loose ends that need to be cleared up. We are having money collected incorrectly for multiple fundraisers, so we are trying to clean it up and adjust. The new AD is going by the book which they should and its causing push back from coaches who have been around for a long time. They are having a hard time adjusting to the new policies. We have coaches who have been trying to circumvent going for their finger printing. We are pushing back to have everything done correctly. We have a new agreement from NJ Sports House that they have presented to the town. It has been given to Steve Saliani to bring to the Borough for review and signature. We

wanted to ensure we are following proper procedure to be sure we are covered by insurance and paying properly.

CHEERLEADING –Comm. Roy – We are still tracking down uniforms with about 25 still unaccounted for. We will need to order additional for the new season. We are looking into stunt coaches.

LACROSSE – Ives – Our k-2 clinic will run again this year. IHHS coaches are in place. We would also like to look into hiring some instructors and see how that works with our budget. 3-8 grade boys plays with Franklin Lakes and they did registration back in October. We don't have enough girls even with Franklin Lakes to offer the program so we combined with Wyckoff.

SUMMER CAMP – Chair Guadagnino- We weren't allowed to use the school the last couple of years due to COVID restrictions.. It was an issue with inclement weather. Whenever the lighting detectors went off, we would have an issue with relocating the kids. Councilman Ross Talamini helped us work it out with the Board of Ed to access the schools. We now have full use of the schools again for the first 6 weeks. For the extra 3 weeks at the end of summer we have approval for the first week at Dogwood approved. Next year we're expecting to have full access again.

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS - Chair Guadagnino- No report

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS –Comm. Wall – No report

MOUNTAIN BIKE – Comm. Rotondo– No report.

VOLLEYBALL –Comm. Roy – We are checking on enrollment and opened up to Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff. Goes until April 1.

CAPITAL PROJECTS –

Truman Field – Met in December with Boswell Engineering. We found that they were unprepared for the meeting, repeating much of which was already discussed at our meeting last June. Currently we are trying to get approval to have money from the grant reappropriated from use on grass to lights.

Tennis Court- Still planning to go out to bid in February to start in April

Field Upgrades- we applied for the 100k grant. Prevailing wages did increase the rates heavily so we need to watch and adjust as needed.

COMMITTEE REPORT – No report

COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION – No report

OLD BUSINESS – Changes to travel sports document- We are having issues with baseball in regards to the timeline for tryouts. Currently, tryout fall in the previous year and due to budgetary constraints, we can not accept money until the year of the program. Therefore, kids are dropping their spots and going to club teams since we can't take a deposit if they don't get the spots they want. This is causing gaps in our teams.

We will continue to explore options to secure players in the positions so they don't go to a club team in a better role. The possibility of having a "deposit" as winter training to secure their spots and have them pay to hold their space.

NEW BUSINESS – CPR class for coaches- Chair Guadagnino wants all coaches for football to be trained to be CPR certified in order to use the AED. We would like all our coaches in the program to be trained in CPR and first aid. Chair Guadagnino will reach out to the First Aid Squad to help set it up. Commissioner Ives is a trainer and will work with Commissioner Catalano to discuss getting the football coaches trained before the season.

Discussion with first aids squad about having them come. They can't accept payment to come to the games. We currently use a company SD Game Day with trainers to come to our games but are unsure about their qualifications. We would prefer to have EMT's and are working on finding a way to hire them to come.

LIAISON REPORT- Councilman Saliani- There is no update regarding the new key system. He will follow up.

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

Katrina Larsen- Ice machine discussion. She would like to have an ice machine on site for injuries and ice in the summer for coolers. It is getting very expensive to purchase individual bags. The pop ice packs are not ideal. The machine would be accessible for all sports. It would be housed in Danny D because there is already a water hook up. The prices range from \$900-2300. The difference in cost is the amount of ice from 50lb- 200lbs. They are all air cooled which uses less energy. The 90lb storage option is \$2300.

Chair Guadagnino liked the idea of the ice machine and asked her to send him the information so we can move forward.

Motion to close the public open session was made by Commissioner Logatto and seconded by Commissioner Ives.

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

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE
HELD on February 27 AT 8:00PM.**