

OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FOR JANUARY
Tuesday, June 26, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:03PM by Chairman Guadagnino, at the Danny D'Lia under the public sunshine laws.

Attendance:

Present: Commissioners Guadagnino, Rotondo, Bleeker, Catalano, Roy, Wall, Scalabrini, and Ives

Absent: Commissioner Logatto

Chair's Report: Borough Carnival went well. Chair Guadagnino received a text on the way home Saturday night from Chopper Russo stating that equipment would be left on the field from the Carnival and it would be there until Monday or Tuesday and by Sunday morning it was removed. While at the Carnival, he showed Chopper the depressions the equipment makes on the soccer field. We will try to work on something for next year to fix it.

In December, we open for applications from photographers to come in and present to be our official photographer. Patty is the only one who has come in the last few years since COVID. She makes a donation to the SAO and that money goes to help cover fees. The Recreation Commission must follow a specific course on how the SAO works with the town as they are the official fundraising arm of the commission. The town does not have any other agreement with any other organization in town, and we agree that all funds are to go into the SAO, not be held in a private account or held by anyone else.

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

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

Chamber of Commerce Presentation (Lindsey Smith): The Chamber of Commerce would like to propose having businesses sponsor baseball and softball this coming season and will cover costs of uniforms and a put a banner up on the field. Chamber would cover all of the work for the sponsorship. All the commission would need to do would be is accept the proposal. All designs would be at approval of the commission. The goal would be the businesses cover about \$450 per business per sponsorship per team. The presented would cover shirt and hat for baseball and shirt and pants for the softball. Other money would go towards the banner and remainder would go to the sports. If this works out, we would like to expand to other sports. The idea would bring the business back to Oakland and connect community with the businesses.

Chair Guadagnino asked about specifics for the banner and how long it would go up. Ms. Smith said for the season and it would come down for fever pitch and the kids could walk with it each year at fever pitch. Ms. Smith also clarified that the sponsors would need to be part of Chamber

of Commerce as listed in the proposal first and then open up to businesses who are already involved with recreation and if there are unfilled spaces then it could open up to additional businesses.

Chair Guadagnino also asked for the expected dimensions of banners. Ms. Smith said 3x4 foot. Staples in Oakland is a chamber business and could potentially offer a deal on them. She said banners would be \$300 in comparison to current banners. Currently they are 3x6 and \$500 for the season. Commissioner Catalano stated he was concerned about our current banner program only offering a banner for the season costing more than the chamber version that also has the uniforms. The commission agreed they don't think we should mix the two programs. The commission suggested social media advertising in place of the banner. Ms. Smith stated she was open to it and will bring it back to the Chamber. Chair Guadagnino and Ms. Smith will reconvene mid-July to discuss updated language in the proposal.

Approval of previous months minutes- A motion to approve the May 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 – Spring and Rec seasons are over. Not too many complaints and summer is underway. A little backed up but we'll do ok. The tournaments did very well.

BASKETBALL – Comm. Ives – We are looking to do tryouts for the travel program in September and Rec registration in October.

FOOTBALL – Comm. Catalano– Registration is open. We've got new equipment getting delivered.

GOLF – Comm. Bleeker – Last year's golf, we were billed \$117 from the group that does it and we charged \$125 to cover our fees. We were notified that the amount for this year was wrong however we budgeted based on that. We never adjusted our fee to cover the cost to the program and our fee and we are not making enough money to cover our needs. We are about \$7 behind per kid so a total of about \$65 for the program. The company the runs the program wants to raise the rates for next year to \$120 so we will adjust for next year to ensure our budget is correct for the following year.

ROLLER HOCKEY – Comm. Bleeker – No Report

SOCCER – Comm. Rotondo – Registration is closed. We do have kids trickling in late, however. The larger numbers are causing a very tight budget because of the extra teams. Additionally, the referees have increased their rates for this year that we were not prepared for.

SOFTBALL – Comm. Logatto- No report

SPECIAL NEEDS – Comm. Scalabrini – Spoke to Duncan and Ken to figure out the program and get space. We will sit down with Ken next month to discuss details.

TENNIS – Comm. Scalabrini – Kept registration open a little longer to see if we get a few additional kids.

WRESTLING – Comm. Wall – Met with John Duncan a few weeks ago. We set up a new practice facility. Will be freshly painted and have new mats. They got approved for updated air circulation. Every concern that was brought up last year was addressed. He also added a spotlight for matches.

CHEERLEADING –Comm. Roy – enrollment is pretty strong. Doing some restructuring for this year. Bringing cheerleaders out on Sundays. All of the minis will cheer for flag football. We will bring up some for special needs assistance. We would also like to get a mascot costume to add to the program.

LACROSSE – Ives – No report

SUMMER CAMP – Chair Guadagnino- Camp began today.

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS - Chair Guadagnino- Would like people to follow the signs and asked for a reminder to the coaches to pay attention to lightning detectors

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS –Comm. Wall – One issue came up today but it was taken care of.

MOUNTAIN BIKE – Comm. Rotondo– The “try it out” program went really well. Just need to figure out next steps in planning

VOLLEYBALL –Comm. Roy – Volleyball is done for the season. Spoke with coach Parks who helped us out this year and we will likely move forward with him, building a relationship to develop the program.

CAPITAL PROJECTS –

Tennis Court- Hoping to approve it at the August 14th meeting.

Truman Field – Looking good and is resting until August.

Field Upgrades- Starting first part and meeting tomorrow to plan it out. Using the company through co-op we used for Truman.

Pavillion/Band Shell- Almost Complete

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 Scalabrini and seconded by Commissioner Catalano. The motion passed unanimously.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE HELD on August 7 AT 8:00PM.