**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FOR JANUARY**

**Tuesday, May 22, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:13PM by Chairman Guadagnino, at the Danny D’Lia under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Guadagnino, Ives, Logatto, Scalabrini, Rotondo and Catalano were in attendance. Commissioners Bleeker, Roy and Wall were absent.

**Chair’s Report**: There are a lot of great things going on in recreation; parade, wrestling room, tennis courts, pickleball, Truman field renovation. This is the best group of commissioners we’ve ever had.

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

**Jim Faulkerts (SAO)**- SAO is here in case of any questions for them. Wanted to make sure we were making ourselves available. Would also like to set up face to face meetings with the commissioners one on one to make sure everyone is clear on policies and procedures.

Chair Guadagnino wanted to confirm with them that each sport needs to start providing a P&L for all events and fundraisers to be able to provide to the SAO with detailed information. This is being required by the commission and the SAO. It needs to be audit proof.

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

**Approval of previous months minutes-** A motion to approve the April 2023 minutes was made by Commissioner Logatto and seconded by Commissioner Rotondo. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**BASEBALL** – Comm. Catalano – First tournament this weekend. Hosting 60 games. Parade is all set. Rec and t-ball are coming to an end for the season.

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

**FOOTBALL** – Comm. Catalano– Registration has opened. We bought 60 new helmets. Normally helmets have a 10 year life span. We are going to try to rotate them every 6 years so we will have no helmets older than 3 years.

**GOLF** – Comm. Bleeker – No report

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

**SOCCER** – Comm. Rotondo – Registration is still open. We are open until June 15th.

**SOFTBALL** – Comm. Logatto- Rec season is underway and finishes in next 2 weeks. Travel getting started and running until end of July. Parade is all set and ready to go.

**SPECIAL NEEDS** – Comm. Scalabrini – Reached out to Ken and Michelle to start discussing football and cheer.

**TENNIS** – Comm. Scalabrini – Spring session is finishing up. We have one makeup due to weather. Sign ups started for the summer. Will be running on Fridays from 4-9.

**WRESTLING** – Comm. Wall – No Report

(Chair Guadagnino will be meeting with Commissioner Wall and Duncan. IHHS is starting to run the program without the commission involved. They may be using the room at the sports house without insurance or our knowledge. The kids are not insured and the commission is not endorsing this. We need to further look into it.

**CHEERLEADING** –Comm. Roy – Registration has. been open since April 1st and we have about 50 girls thus far. Last years total enrollment was 130. We anticipate surpassing that.

We have begun working with our High School Cheerleaders to coach our 2023 season.

Have our stunt and dance coordinator lined up. Working with several amazing cheer moms on Fundraising ideas ( yes, all being cleared and worked thru with SAO).

We are encouraging our Cheer Moms become registered coaches. At the very least take the concussion, AED & CPR class. We have 5 girls, happy and ready to represent Oakland Cheer in the Memorial Day Parade!

**LACROSSE** – Ives – Season is coming to an end. We pushed an extra week due to rain one week. The girls program will finish up the end of this week and plan to join a league with them next year.

**SUMMER CAMP** – Chair Guadagnino- We need a male open camp counselors 18+.

**PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS** - Chair Guadagnino- There is an issue with the dog park. We charge a registration fee to run it. This year’s registration fees collected are not near the enough to cover expenses. We will try to include sales banners and rentals as an option to help fundraise. The council will be inttroducing this.

**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS –**Comm. Wall – All programs are set up.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE** – Comm. Rotondo– Our new try it out program is full. We need to figure out what kind of program we want to do and how we will set up for next year.

**VOLLEYBALL –**Comm. Roy – We are in our last week of Volleyball! The kids have been excited and engaged at each session. Thanks to Coach Jim Par from DIGGS Volleyball, the kids have learned some great skills and really improved their playing. Many kids would like to come back next year to play again! I’m looking forward to building the program and working with Coach Par next season.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS** –

**Tennis Court**- The bid is ready to go. We are trying to do it with a co-op so we don’t have to go out to bid. We will give it another week or we will have to go out to bid. We need to do it before the end of the year.

**Truman Field –** It is in progress. Sod is coming tomorrow. We’re very excited and it will look very nice. Sprinklers were fixed very quickly and it will be blocked off so no one can touch it.

**Field Upgrades-** We won a grant for $75k from the state and applied for another for $177k. If the co-op were talking to Truman Field works out then we will look at using them for this project.

**Bandshell**- pieces delivered and construction to begins tomorrow.

**COMMITTEE REPORT –** No report

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION –**  No report

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**Memorial Day Parade-** We have kids confirmed to walk.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**Team Sponsorships-** ChairGuadagnino asked if anyone participated in sports where their teams were sponsored? We are looking at the possibility of starting a sponsorship program. Asking everyone to consider the idea to discuss at a later date.

**Sandy Beach Property-** Building used to be a broom factory. The cost has been set for 2.2 mil and the environmental commission and rec applied and received a grant for about 1.1mil that could be applied to the purchase. We would need to raise the remainder of it and can turn it into whatever we need it. It has a lot of potential of what we could do with it. We could potentially apply for additional grants and raise money with naming rights. Chair Guadagnino would like everyone to think about this and if it is a project the commission would like to consider taking on.

**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 Scalabrini. The motion passed unanimously.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE HELD on June 26 AT 8:00PM.**