

**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2013**

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Guadagnino, with the Flag Salute, at the Danny D'Elia Recreation Center under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners O'Brien, Logatto, Haas, King, Perneti and Saliani were present. Councilman Coira and Recreation Secretary Lori Dent were also present.

Motion to excuse Comm. Scalabrini and Comm. Malmud from tonight's meeting was made by Comm. Perneti, seconded by Comm. O'Brien and passed.

The meeting was opened to the public upon motion made by Comm. Logatto, seconded by Comm. Haas and passed.

Public discussion moved to Executive minutes

The meeting was closed to the public upon motion made by Comm. Logatto and seconded by Comm. Perneti and passed.

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2013 meeting was made by Comm. Logatto, seconded by Comm. O'Brien and passed.

A motion to approve the Executive Session minutes from the January 28, 2013 meeting was made by Comm. O'Brien, seconded by Comm. Logatto and passed.

Last Tuesday, Comm. O'Brien called Chairman Guadagnino to say that there were some anti-Semitic graffiti in the Field 5 dugout. Chairman Guadagnino contacted Anthony at the DPW immediately and cc'd Rich Kunze on the issue. The next day Joe and his crew cleaned the dugout. Comm. King said that on Sunday while at travel practice the boys saw the graffiti. The coach addressed it with the team. No one was told, police were not contacted. Comm. King immediately went down to Field 5 and took a picture and contacted the police. Coaches are not aware of the proper procedure when a hate crime is committed and need to be educated on proper procedure. Coaches should be told to immediately contact a Commissioner and they should take the proper action. Comm. King will write up an SOP and Chairman Guadagnino will put it on the website.

The following reports were made and upon proper motion unanimously accepted:

BASEBALL – Comm. O'Brien – Travel games have begun. Rec practice has begun. George Hill recommended smush balls, soft hands, hitting sticks to help the younger kids ease their way into hitting a hard ball. Uniforms should be in next week. New keys for Field 4 box just came in today.

BASKETBALL – Comm. Scalabrini – Surveys are coming in with an April 1st deadline.

FOOTBALL – Comm. Perneti – Flyers getting ready to go out to schools. Had 85% participation in surveys.

GOLF – Chairman. Guadagnino – Sign ups underway.

ROLLER HOCKEY – Comm. Haas – Season was really good. Two players came in second. He will clean out the shed on Saturday.

SOCCER – Comm. Saliani – Sign-ups will be held the first four Mondays in April. Also online, and mail in.

SOFTBALL – Comm. Logatto – Rec is starting Monday. Travel tryouts going on right now. Up 20 girls from last year. Couple more teams than last year. Uniforms arriving, thanks to Lori. Parade will be held on May 4th.

SPECIAL NEEDS – Comm. Malmud – No report

TENNIS – Comm. Scalabrini – No report

WRESTLING – Comm. King – Season is over. They had their dinner last night. Two kids went to States. One child placed 3rd in states. Another kid went to States but didn't place. Chairman Guadagnino offered the idea that Comm. King may want to ask the mayor and council to honor the wrestlers that went to states.

CHEERLEADING – Comm. Perneti – No report.

LACROSSE – Comm. King – season has started and she has been told by other Oakland parents that there are so many 6th grade boys registered to play that they needed to have evaluations to break up the teams as evenly as possible. Comm. King personally has a 4th grader playing and there are over 40 kids on the squad. They will be broken up into 2 even teams. Unfortunately, they do not have enough coaches as 2 coaches did not return from last year's squad, so there are only 2 coaches for the 40 kids. Other parents have volunteered, but she was told by the head coach that all coaches need to be approved by the Rec. Commission prior to the start of the sport. Again, all of this information she is getting from parents as of when she called the Rec. Director. She was advised that he does not have to tell her anything. If parents want information about LAX they are to call his office and not go through the Oakland LAX Commissioner.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Chairman Guadagnino – Playground is still closed, will hopefully be ready by May 1. The DPW needs consistent warm weather for a few days before they can fix the broken apparatus.

SUMMER CAMP – Chairman Malmud – No report.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS – Comm. Malmud – No report.

KINDERGARTEN CORE - Comm. Saliani – Successful season. He would like to expand the program next year to 8-9 year olds.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Walking path – Supposed to meet on April 26th with borough representatives regarding south side boundary.

Pleasureland/Muellers Park – final draft has been sent to Rich and Brian to look at the processes to make sure they are legal and satisfactory. It will be sent to Mayor and Council for approval.

Delia Bldg. – want to schedule a ceremony with Mrs. D’Elia now that the room is complete.

COMMITTEE REPORT – No report

COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSION – Lanyards – 98% distributed. Lori is waiting for a few certifications to be completed.

Executive Discussion

OLD BUSINESS

Shed security – temporary budget was amended by Mayor and Council. The shed and D’Elia building will have keys. Comm. O’Brien was asking if it is possible to have the company come and get everything up and running. Lori will talk to the company to help her through the process.

Field usage – Council approved the new fees. Comm. O’Brien would like to have a different price grid for single game (3 hour block) users. The single users are saying no to the \$200 and we are losing that business. He would like to propose \$100 per game \$180 for night games (3 hour). Private schools & churches in town uses field for their picnics \$50. Barnstable - \$550. Cablevision does their annual picnic on rec field (3 hours in evening)

Roller Hockey bleachers – Joe gave us a quote with an idea for bleachers costing \$17,000. Commissioner Haas along with Chairman Guadagnino thought it too much to spend for bleachers. Chairman Guadagnino offered the idea of a meeting with DPW to discuss the bleacher issue this coming September.

NEW BUSINESS

Lighting on Field 9. When the clocks turn back in fall we lose field space. Need to rent two towers of lights for one month at \$595/month. Comm. Perneti would like to propose

renting those lights through the rec trust. Comm. Saliani could use a light tower on Wells also. Motion to approve the rental of 3 light towers for the fall season from the recreation trust was made by Comm. King , seconded by Comm. Logatto and passed.

Communication with Franklin Lakes regarding cross-over coaches. If they have a coach that has code of conduct violation and they have a child in wrestling or roller hockey we need to know. There needs to be some type of communication to make each town aware of violators. Chairman Guadagnino suggests that Lori should have communication with Franklin Lakes and vice versa regarding who is clear to coach. Lori will touch base with Franklin Lakes and see if they will agree to notify us of any issues, as well as she will notify Franklin Lakes of any issues.

Girl Scouts Troop 341 would like to have a bake sale on the rec field on May 11th & 18th from 10:00-4:00. Comm. O'Brien would like to check with Mothers Club to see if the snack stand will be open. Will let us know at next meeting.

SAO is selling "OAK" magnets for \$5. They are on the website.

RECREATION AID REPORT

Lori Dent – Coaches on the badge subject. We have 270 coaches fully approved. There are 90 who need concussion training and 80 are still in the process.

Lori needs flyer for football so she can get it out to the schools.

There is a new deposit form.

Reminder from Joe - Anyone who will be driving the tractor, talk to Joe and he will set you up.

Budget meeting is Tuesday night.

LIASON REPORT

Councilwoman Sandra Coira – No report.

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The meeting was closed to the public upon motion made by Comm. Saliani, seconded by Comm. Logatto and passed.

No further business pending and upon motion made by Comm. Logatto, seconded by Comm. O'Brien and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cheryl Logatto

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION
WILL BE ON MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2013, AT 8:00 PM**