

OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FOR JANUARY
Monday, October 24, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:02PM by Chairman Guadagnino, held at the Danny D'Elia Building under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Guadagnino, Rotondo, Ives, Sheydwasser, Coira, Scalabrini and Bleeker were present. Commissioner Ives arrived late. Commissioner Logatto was absent.

Chair's Report: Met with Administrator Kunze. There were some issues Recreation had with the Borough that are now all resolved. In December we will sit down with Administrator Kunze and see what is left in the budget to see how we can best utilize it for Recreation programming. Chair Guadagnino reminded everyone has spoken to Neal regarding their budget and reminded them to do so if they haven't.

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

Will Lanzetti 23 Chicasaw Dr.- Mr. Lanzetti stated he has lived in town 28 years and brought up 3 kids in the school system and has served as a coach in the past. Up until recently he was a member of the adult soccer league. He wanted to share that he was unhappy with the way the fields were scheduled this fall and that he felt it was unfair that the adult league lost their time for the season. Noted that he noticed the fields availability was being rationed Chair Guadagnino said it was for safety to maintain the quality after they invested in fixing them this past year.

Mr. Lanzetti stated he was upset that the spaces are no longer available for the adults to play soccer. He feels that they are the only ones limited and that other private orgs are still using it. He feels that other groups were being given preference over town groups.

Chair Guadagnino stated that this is likely a one year pause as we overhaul Truman Field including brining in permanent lights. Every other year the fields were destroyed by mid October leaving the kids to play in a mud hole.

Mr. Lanzetti stated that he wanted to voice his opinion and that as Green Acres fields it should have been a broader decision and that there wasn't enough consideration of other groups who have played for years.

Chair Guadagnino explained what Green Acres fields means by the letter of the law and that recreation has always followed those guidelines, and even gone overboard. Mr. Lanzetti stated he really didn't understand Green Acres but wanted to make sure Oakland was using Green Acres guidelines.

Motion to close public session was made by Commissioner Rotondo and seconded by Commissioner Bleeker. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the September 2022 minutes was made by Commissioner Ives and seconded by Commissioner Bleeker. The motion passed unanimously.

The following reports were made and unanimously accepted.

BASEBALL – Comm. Catalano – 120 kids tried out. Nothing to report yet as we have not yet released the teams.

BASKETBALL – Comm. Ives – Try outs are happening right now. Should finish Wednesday and will begin our process of letting travel teams know and selecting coached. Rec registration going to Nov. 6th. Getting ready to send everything to the leagues. Turnout was very high so extra B teams are expected. Expecting a big rec program as well. Some of our older groups are lighter at the rec levels. One travel group has 2 or 3 girls for 8th grade so we will likely combine with another town.

FOOTBALL – Comm. Catalano – Played our last Saturday game this last week. Mites have been really good. 70 kids on flag so hopefully they go to mites next year. Going to have Indian Hills host football championships.

GOLF – Comm. Bleeker- Did not get enough for a fall program. We will resume again in the spring.

ROLLER HOCKEY – Comm. Bleeker – Registration is open. Juniors and Seniors are light but they always register late. Had a coaches meeting. We have 10 great coaches for the midgit and clinic levels. We got a generous donation of the see through barrier to put up at the rink. We have an opportunity through our league to have a Rangers Hockey sponsored event. Someone from the league works for them. It is a great way to get kids involved in skating.

SOCCER – Comm. Rotondo – There are three more weeks of the season. We had girls night at the high school last week. Tomorrow night is boy's night. We think it will go very well. Had our first fundraiser and made \$743.

SOFTBALL – Comm. Logatto – Two teams still participating in fall ball. This is the last week of the season.

SPECIAL NEEDS – Comm. Scalabrini – Two weeks left. Everything is going well. Access for All will be partnering with us for some future programming.

TENNIS – Comm. Scalabrini – One week left and one rain date to make up.

WRESTLING – Comm. Logatto- Online and potential in person sign up are ongoing. Numbers are on pace with this time last year. Apparel orders will get placed 2nd week of November. Season (practices) will begin the Monday after thanksgiving.

CHEERLEADING – Comm. Sheydwasser – Winding down the season and planning the end of season dinners for the different levels. We were thinking at Indian Hills. Had some of the younger girls excited about Indian Hills.

LACROSSE – Comm. Coira – There is one week left for registrations for grades 3-8. Mike asked Commissioner Coira to talk to Rosa to send another blast out.

SUMMER CAMP – Chair Guadagnino- No Report

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS - Chair Guadagnino- Doing a good job keeping fields in good shape this year as well as watching the lights.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS – Comm Sheydwasser – No report.

MOUNTAIN BIKE – Comm. Ives – No Report.

VOLLEYBALL –Comm. Coira – We are going to play at Valley. Submitted the paperwork and confirmed the availability. Will run right after spring break. Custodians won't cost anything extra as they are already on duty.

CAPITAL PROJECTS –

Truman Field – Commissioner Rotondo- We are waiting on response from Boswell the engineering firm. Chair Guadagnino will follow up with Administrator Kunze.

Tennis Court- Going out to bid during the winter to be prepared for start in spring.

COMMITTEE REPORT – No report.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION – No Report.

OLD BUSINESS –

Recreation Advertising- We have one more banner we are waiting on because the fabric is on backorder. We have pushed their season due to the delay.

Recreation Shed- Cleaning up the shed and DPW thought some of the supplies were Summer Camps. After further review, it was determined that the ping pong tables were Father's Clubs and they said to get rid of them. There are some additional items to review.

NEW BUSINESS-

2023 Schedule

January 30 Reorganization Meeting- 7:30pm and Regular meeting- 8:00pm

February 27

March 27

April 24
May 22
June 26
July 31
September 18
October 30
November 27
December 18

LIAISON REPORT- Councilman Kulmala- No report

OPEN SESSION- - Seeing no one from the public present, there was no second open session.

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

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE HELD on November 28th AT 8:00PM.