

OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FOR JANUARY
Monday, April 25, 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, La Terra, Logatto, Hagerman, Ives and Bleeker were present. Commissioner Coira was absent.

A motion to excuse Commissioner Coira was made by Commissioner Logatto and seconded by Commissioner Rotondo. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Report: Chair Guadagnino shared about a resident who has continuously made complaints regarding the lights being left on at the fields. Recently the lights were left on late and he called in with a complaint. Chairman Guadagnino admitted that they made a mistake on the night in question and the lights were on for 1-hour longer than they should have been. The cost for that night was \$13.15. This resident has a history of being inappropriate with Chair Guadagnino as well as Councilman Van Eck. The commission does everything possible to keep a close eye on the lights, but at times accidents do occur and the commission tries to fix these problems. Chairman Guadagnino shared that the Rec Department runs at a surplus and that often when there are funds at the end of the season, recreation loses those funds as they are absorbed by the town. Chair Guadagnino stated he would like to set up meetings this summer so recreation will have the ability to utilize all funds that are deposited by recreation parents for the purpose of their children's recreation experience.

Chair Guadagnino also reminded Commissioners Bleeker and Logatto to complete their annual financial forms.

Chair Guadagnino stated that if there are any issues with the orders, please make sure he gets CC'd on the emails in order to keep in the loop.

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

Kerry Sirinides 41 Sioux Ave- Shared that she will be running for town council and wanted to attend every committee meeting to introduce herself. Ms. Sirinides shared a little about herself and offered to answer any questions.

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

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

The following reports were made and unanimously accepted.

BASEBALL – Comm. Hagerman – Last week was the first week of in town Little League games. We are underway with travel baseball. So far a success. If any player states they have no received pants, they should speak to their coach. We have pants. Question about the snack stand and why it isn't always open. Chairman Guadagnino stated that Mothers and Father's club own and run it. He asked Commissioner Hagerman to remind him tomorrow and he will reach out to Mother's club regarding the reasoning why they haven't opened. He thought it was likely due to lack of volunteers. We ordered a net for field 5 cage and put plastic to add safety.

BASKETBALL – Comm. Ives – Sent a survey to the families from this past season and we have received a lot of feedback both good and constructive. At this week's mayor and council the 3rd grade girls are being recognized.

FOOTBALL – Comm. Hagerman – Got our schedule. Opening day is set for Saturday Sept 10th against Montville at home. Practice starts August 8th. Jamboree will be Aug 20th. Senior night October 22th and Pink Out will be October 8th.

GOLF – Comm. Bleeker – At our average number 14-16 kids. Same as last year.

ROLLER HOCKEY – Comm. Bleeker – No Report.

SOCCER – Comm. Rotondo – Registration is running well. 95 kids are signed up so far. Have emailed Cindy from Indian Hills High soccer. Would like to do a soccer girls days that will culminate with varsity girls playing at the end of the day.

SOFTBALL – Comm. Logatto – Rec season is underway. Had an issue with uniforms. Due to the way the town budgets, we cannot place orders until January and now we're having an issue with supply chains getting additional uniforms. Picture day May 21st and parade is June 4th. Have been in touch with Chopper and he is on top of it. Coach Light's clinic was on Saturday and it was huge. Everything went fantastic. The high school girls ran the stations.

SPECIAL NEEDS – Comm. Scalabrini – Between seasons so it is quiet right now.

TENNIS – Comm. Scalabrini – Rec Tennis started tonight. 4 sessions on Mondays and they are all full. We have a waiting list. We don't have enough coaches because the students who coach are still in their season. Working with Rosa to get a schedule on the courts up.

WRESTLING – Comm. Logatto- No report

CHEERLEADING –Comm. LaTerra – Coach Dana from Hills reached out and will work together to offer some meet and greets. Her girls will be helping with stunt practices. Registration is currently open.

LACROSSE – Comm. Coira – There have been issues with coaches and having to cancel clinics.

SUMMER CAMP – Chair Guadagnino- We hired 4 open camp counselors and 5 day camp counselors. We had 45 people apply. Registration opens May 1 to June 10th. Anyone who signed up during those 6 weeks will not be turned away. There are no late registrations. Things have to be ordered immediately.

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS - Chair Guadagnino- We are fixing the netting in the baseball cage at field 5.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS –Comm. LaTerra – Registration is still open. Spring break camp ran well. Our sports camps at the end of summer are mostly Hills Coaches.

MOUNTAIN BIKE – Comm. Ives – No report.

VOLLEYBALL –Comm. Coira – No report.

CAPITAL PROJECTS –

Truman Field – Rotondo-Looking into grants but don't think we'll be eligible as the town is not low income. She along with Chairman Guadagnino asked Musco to give an estimate to install lights at the field. Spoke with Jimmy about the sprinklers and he said it wasn't totally dead but something will have to be done to fix them or replace them. Commissioner Rotondo suggested an idea brought to her attention about talking to Verizon or another phone company about a partnership of placing a cell tower and they'll cover the cost of the lighting. Chairman Guadagnino asked her to look into it.

Tennis Court- Chairman Guadagnino spoke with the Wayne Recreation Director. The company that did their Tennis Courts came out to visit and will quote us in the next week. We hope the town will make decisions based on that quote.

Batting Cages- Looking to secure funding to cover the costs to replace the old cage.

GaGa Ball- Have a scout who is planning to put a court in by May 28th for kids to play.

COMMITTEE REPORT – No report

COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION – Rosa Kilpatrick- Reminder to all Commissioners. No orders that are being paid by the Borough can be placed on your own. They must all go through Rosa. You can gather quotes and send them to Rosa to expedite the process, but she must put through a requisition and have a PO in hand before an order can be placed. That takes around 3 days and up to a week during Council meeting weeks.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

LIAISON REPORT- Councilman Van Eck- No Report

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

Kerry Sirinides 41 Sioux Ave - Started Access for All, a special needs committee in town. The whole purpose of the committee is making sure all of the special needs community is able to take part in everything the town has to offer. Have teamed up with Mahwah's Access for All to work with them and learn from them. For the town carnival, we are trying to work to get them to open up the town carnival an hour early in order to give those who need the space and those with auditory issues a calmer time.

She also stated at as a member of Mother's Club- for insurance purposes, there must be at least one member there as they must be the ones cooking.

A motion to close the public session was made by Commissioner La Terra and seconded by Commissioner Logatto. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Logatto and seconded by Commissioner La Terra. The motion passed unanimously.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE HELD on May 23 AT 8:00PM.