

**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, May 18, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:00 PM by Chairman Guadagnino, via remote Zoom Meeting (892 6404 5363) under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Guadagnino, Lattera, Logatto, Saliani, Scalabrini, King, Walker and Hagerman were present. Commissioner Coira was absent. Motions to excuse Commissioner Coira was unanimous. Councilman Van Eck was also present.

**Chairman Guadagnino** stated that the parks are starting to open for passive recreation. We are moving into Oakland Recreation phase 2 of the opening plan which includes the tennis courts and batting cages. Signage will be put up to share current rules. There was some concern noted by the commission about the batting cages because there is potential for people congregating. It was determined that it would be limited to those actually using the cages, no friends and no teams are allowed to congregate. Chairman Guadagnino introduced scheduling an executive meeting to discuss spring sports and summer camp. A date will be determined and shared.

**Prior to opening to public session, Chairman Guadagnino reviewed procedures to speak during open sessions via zoom.**

**Open Session-** Motion made to open to Public by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner Walker. The motion passed unanimously.

As no members of the public wished to speak, a motion to close open session was made by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner King. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner King. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**BASEBALL** – Comm. Saliani – We are still trying for a Rec season. Waiting for Governor's direction. Travel league sent a note that they would like to do a July- beginning August season if allowed. Father's day tournament will hopefully be pushed to July. Will share if can. Clarification from King- Will rec happen if travel happens? Saliani stated that there will be something if they are allowed for both.

**BASKETBALL** – Comm. Walker – Did not play final game of the playoffs. Referees have handed in paperwork and everything has been processed.

**FOOTBALL** – Comm. Hagerman – 43 children have registered and more reminders are being sent out. We plan to keep registration open through June. The league will run based on the high school guidance. If they're on the field then the league will run. Still need to order additional jerseys.

**GOLF** – Comm. Laterra – The new green is currently in process of being put in. It has been disassembled and needs to be reassembled. DPW is installing it. There were 5 golfers registered for this season so they will need to be refunded if they paid.

**ROLLER HOCKEY** – Comm. King – No Report however asked Chairman Guadagnino when he thinks the rink may be allowed to open. Chairman Guadagnino stated that it would be determined by the Governor's orders.

**SOCCER** – Comm. Saliani – 123 players registered. Sign Up open through 6/30. Will extend sign ups as needed.

**SOFTBALL** – Comm. Logatto- Waiting to see if they can run a season based on governors guidance. Travel is out of their hands. They have had no try outs for travel so if they open, then everyone will just be put on a team. All tournaments have been cancelled. Best case is we get 4-5 weeks of games.

**SPECIAL NEEDS** – Comm. Scalabrini- No report.

**TENNIS** – Comm. Scalabrini – Rec tennis is holding. They will be ready for singles play this weekend with social distancing.

**WRESTLING** – Comm. Logatto – We were unable to have end of season dinner so boys were unable to get trophies and gifts. Trophy and gift pick ups have been scheduled. Bobby made custom Braves masks for all the kids.

**CHEERLEADING** – Comm. Walker – Registration is going on until July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**LACROSSE** – Comm. Coira – No Report.

**SUMMER CAMP** – Chair Guadagnino- 216 kids registered for rec day camp and 24 kids for open camp. Meeting with Emily and Lindsey next week to discuss camp.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS** – Walking path and parks are open for passive recreation. The bathrooms are not open. In order to open the bathrooms we need to come up with a disinfection schedule and maintaining sanitization. Looking into options.

**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS** – Comm. Laterra– Running registration without collecting money while we wait and see if programs can run.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE** – Comm. Hagerman – No report.

**VOLLEYBALL** – Comm. Coira – No report.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS** –.

**Delia sign-** Commissioner Logatto emailed a photo of the potential sign. Two sided sign with plexi glass to put up the assorted information. Can be locked. Suggested board is about \$1500. Chairman Guadagnino asked for quote to share with the SAO

**Field 9 Scoreboard-** no update at this time

**Tennis court resurfacing-** Commissioners Guadagnino and Scalabrini met with town and engineering. We are set with the grant and will be putting it out to bid with the hopes of doing it in September. Will also have 3 courts for pickleball.

**COMMITTEE REPORT** – Currently just waiting for further direction from the state to move forward with programs.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION** – No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS –Vivian King-** announced resignation from the rec commission effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner King thanked everyone and gave a final update on the advertising for the boards around the rink.

Chairman Guadagnino thanked her for all of her help with the commission and in getting the rink rebuilt.

**RECREATION AID** – No Report.

**COUNCIL LIAISON** – Councilman Van Eck shared from the last council meeting the discussion of the opening of the tennis courts. Also shared the opening of batting cages which

will open Saturday as well. Our assemblymen helped get clarification on batting cages as they were not part of last order and we reached out specific on it as we have batting cages and they got that clarification.

Mike wanted to make a mention of Garry Walker's passing and let Danille and her daughter know how sorry everyone is. He stated we all know how personal this emergency is and we will do everything that can be done to open up safely when the time is right. Wanted to share how glad everyone is to see Danielle and have her back with us tonight.

**OPEN SESSION-** Motion made to open the second Public Session by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner King. The motion passed unanimously.

**Maryanne Kroll (45 Thunderbird Drive)** - Involved in team tennis and thanked the commission for opening the tennis courts. Wanted to ask about team tennis because she feels that it can be done very social distanced. Also a mention of a thank you for the resurfacing. Ms. Kroll additionally asked about the possibility of building a wall. Chairman Guadagnino said that if team tennis can help raise funds that they would happily put one up. Ms. Kroll asked where the money was going from the sale of tennis badges. Chairman Guadagnino explained that all trust monies such as badges, sign-up cap fees and field usage fees are used for all upgrades and improvements to the complex. As an example \$32,500 will be used to resurface the courts, and \$40,000 was used to rebuild the courts. He fully supports a wall and if tennis could come up with a way to fundraise he will work to get a wall built.

Seeing no other members of the public wishing to speak, a motion to close to the public was made by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner King. The motion passed unanimously.

**Chairman Guadagnino** asked to set a date for a Meeting to discuss camp and spring sports Thursday June 4 at 8pm. The commission agreed on the date.

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Laterra and seconded by Commissioner Saliani. The motion passed unanimously

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE HELD MONDAY, June 29, 2020 AT 8:00PM.**