

OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 25, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:00 pm by Chairman Guadagnino, with the flag salute, at the Danny D'Elia Recreation Center under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Guadagnino, Saliani, Walker, Logatto, Lattera, King, Nittoli, Coira and Scalabrini were present. Councilman Kulmala was also present.

Chairman Guadagnino made a note of the football coaching situation and stated that there is nothing to report regarding it at this time and that there will be a personnel meeting during an executive session following the close of the regular recreation meeting. The floor was opened to Commissioner Nittoli to make a comment on the football program.

Nittoli stated that he resigned last week to the mayor and chairman as commissioner of the football program and shared a message to the commission. Commissioner Nittoli read a prepared speech regarding the accomplishments of the football program over the last several years.

Chairman Guadagnino thanked him for his service. Chairman Guadagnino reiterated Commissioner Nittoli would be staying on until Dec. 31st to help wrap the season and collect football equipment. Chairman Guadagnino will serve as interim commissioner until the role is filled. Chairman Guadagnino also stated the steps of applying to become a commissioner and what the role entails to the public. This includes the decision is solely that of the mayor.

Chairman Guadagnino stated that at the December 18th council meeting the Mayor and Council will honor Commissioner Nittoli and everyone is welcome to come.

Open Session- Chairman Guadagnino requested for a motion to open to a public session. Commissioner Saliani motioned to open and Commissioner Logatto seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Melissa Bayani (44 Spear St.) stated that she had reviewed the minutes from September and had a question regarding the resolution of the cheer bag situation. She wanted to know why only 6 families were given new cheer bags and whether recreation budgets were available to the public to view? Chairman Guadagnino stated that the 6 bags were from a very specific level of cheerleader and that 6 was the number of people who had the smaller vs the larger bag. The budgets are all open and discussed during the Mayor and Council Meetings and is made public online under budgets. The commissioners have no control over the spending of the funds, we can only submit requests and the Borough Administrator has to agree to spend the money on the specific items. She also stated that she felt the lower level football teams needed new uniforms and was wondering if there was a plan to replace them. Chairman Guadagnino stated that would be a decision for the new commissioner once instated and we would be more than happy to look into it.

A motion to close the open session was made by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner Laterra. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes from the October's regular meeting and executive session was made by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner Coira. The motion passed unanimously.

The following reports were made and in proper motion unanimously accepted.

BASEBALL – Comm. Saliani – Travel tryouts are scheduled 12/15 for 13 & 14u and 9-11u will be 1/11/19. Flyers will be sent out to schools when we return from Thanksgiving break. All registration will be done online and opens Jan. 1. Rec baseball and softball registration will open up first week of January.

BASKETBALL – Comm. Walker – Travel has 17 teams this year, equally split between boys and girls teams. Recreation registration has been extended until Dec. 1st. Drafts have begun and emails have been going out to players about when practice and games slots will be. Recreation Basketball will begin Dec. 9th.

FOOTBALL – Comm. Nittoli – Season has ended. Concluded this past weekend with All Star Games. Equipment return is now through beginning of December.

GOLF – Comm. Laterra – Working on getting the green replaced for spring.

ROLLER HOCKEY – Comm. King – The renovated rink is done. The red paint lines is done and blue will be done on Friday. We have a full clinic with one Junior, Midget and Senior team. Senior is light because of ice hockey in high school. Preliminary schedule is out and will be done at league meeting.

SOCCER – Comm. Saliani – Season has ended, and all referee payments have been filed. There is a lack of coaches, so soccer will be opening up to high school student volunteers to coach next year, which will also give them volunteer hours.

SOFTBALL – Comm. Logatto – Registration will begin online first week of January. Will have two in person registration days in late January and Early February however no final dates for those.

SPECIAL NEEDS – Comm. Scalabrini – The football program has ended for the season. The last game was rained out, so the season ended early. Beginning basketball in January. Last bowling is this coming Monday because high school season begins and will start up again in March.

TENNIS – Comm. Scalabrini – No report.

WRESTLING – Comm. Logatto – There are 80 wrestlers registered for this season. We are ahead of last year in registrations and are expecting up to low 90s. The first practice is scheduled for Dec. 2nd. Practices will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at NJ Sports House. K-3 will practice 6-7:15 and 4-8 will practice 7:15-8:45.

CHEERLEADING – Comm. Walker – We have collected uniforms. Almost everything has been handed in. Competition Team had first competition on Saturday at West Milford and did very well. Looking forward to the next competition on Dec. 15th and another in January 11th.

LACROSSE – Comm. Nittoli – 1st and 2nd grade group will begin registration after the new year.

SUMMER CAMP – Chair Guadagnino – Mark Rando has retired and will not be on next year. Applications are coming in to fill the role. The role will be advertised. Fees will be going up due to the state law raising minimum wage for camp staff.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – Chair. Guadagnino – The broken light on the field was fixed and the cost was covered in the contract. The lights will be left on for the walking path in the early evening like last year.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS – Comm. Laterra– No Report.

MOUNTAIN BIKE – Comm. Coira – No Report.

VOLLEYBALL – Comm. Coira – Volleyball will begin in January and registration will open up online beginning Jan 1st. Program will run at NJ Sports House.

CAPITAL PROJECTS –

Roller Rink –It is completed. Dec 6th is the scheduled grand opening ceremony. Open to the public to attend.

Tennis Courts Commissioner Guadagnino- Waiting for the grant to come through in order to resurface the courts.

Trees on Butternut- The current plantings are complete and good for now. Chairman Guadagnino will revisit it in May with the Butternutt Court residents.

COMMITTEE REPORT – None.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION – No Report.

OLD BUSINESS – No Report.

NEW BUSINESS – No Report.

RECREATION AID – Tracy has requested that all winter season orders be sent to her by the end of the week.

COUNCIL LIASON – Introduced the budget ordinance and it will be going in this weeks agenda. Final adoption will be the meeting following. Hockey Rink was perfect. No issues with the inspection.

Open Session – A motion to open to a second public session was made by Commissioner Lattera and seconded by Commissioner King.

Chris Schlenker (24 Calumet Ave.)- stated that he was concerned about the football fields and that he found glass and metal pipes are on the field prior to practices this season. He stated that the conversation he had with the Chairman and DPW earlier in the year did not fix the issues. He also shared his recommendation of ways to fix the field. Chairman Guadagnino requested that he sends the suggestions to him via email so he can properly review and bring it to the DPW.

Robert Campozano (22 Ramapo Valley Rd.) stated that he noticed that they tried to top dress the field this year and that prior to games he picked up many rocks from the field. He feels that what was done to the field this year was not the right course of action to fix the issue

Tom Larsen (30 Hillside Ave.)- Asked whether they had thought about holding games at the high school? Chairman Guadagnino stated that they had considered it, but it depends on what the new commissioner would like to do.

Chairman Guadagnino requested a motion to close the second public session. A motion to close was made by Commissioner King and seconded by Commissioner Scalabrini. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE
HELD Monday, December 16, 2019 AT 8:00PM.**