

OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 23, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:01 pm by Chairman Guadagnino, with the flag salute, at the Danny D'Elia Recreation Center under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Guadagnino, Nittoli, Saliani, Walker, Logatto, Lattera, Scalabrini and, Coira were present. Councilman Kulmala was also present. There were not absentees.

A motion to approve the minutes from the July's regular meeting was made by Commissioner Nittoli and seconded by Commissioner Coira.

Open Session- Seeing no one in the audience from the public there was no open session.

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

BASEBALL – Comm. Saliani – We have picked team for Cooperstown.

BASKETBALL – Comm. Walker – Online registration opens October 1st. Players must sign up with Rec Basketball before signing up for Travel. Will offer a Saturday tryout for anyone who plays football as they would be unavailable attend the weekdays.

FOOTBALL – Comm. Nittoli – The season is entering week 3. Each team is 1 and 1 at each level. Two more travel games and three home games. The first home game coming up will be the “Pink Out” and then “Salute the Service” the following week, and the final night is Senior Night.

GOLF – Comm. Lattera – Started the season last Thursday. Working on quotes for next year to redo the green.

ROLLER HOCKEY – Comm. King – Sign ups opened September 1st. Receiving a lot of questions from younger parents about the program. This will be the first year of online sign ups. Will be submitting a PO for ordering balls. Spoke with Wyckoff and they will allow use of their rink for a week or 2 in case there is a delay with the rink renovation.

SOCCER – Comm. Saliani – Oakland won our first appeal with the league ever. The fine was over a parent approaching a ref in parking lot. It was a miscommunication.

SOFTBALL – Comm. Logatto – No report.

SPECIAL NEEDS – Comm. Scalabrini – The football program has started.

TENNIS – Comm. Scalabrini – In the third week of the season. About 20 kids signed up this year.

WRESTLING – Comm. Logatto – Online and in person registration will take place in October and in person during football games. A table will be set up during games. Will still go to NJ Sports House this year.

CHEERLEADING – Comm. Walker – Pictures are done, and season is off to good start. We have 85 girls.

LACROSSE – Comm. Nittoli – Starting a k-2 Oakland clinic that may progress to a standalone program. It will be run by the Coach of Northern Highlands and the Coach from the middle school.

SUMMER CAMP – Chair Guadagnino – The camp went well. Very few issues this year. Big thing was great communication with parents through social media.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – Chair. Guadagnino – The SAO wants to do a running program again. 3-4pm on Tuesdays and Thursday in October. They share space with cross country.

Chairman Guadagnino requested that everyone please remove things from the D’Elia building to keep it clean and organized.

Lightning detector- It has been malfunctioning and fails. Vinny is trying to get a new unit in here due to the issues with it.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS – Comm. Laterra– Program went well. No issues. Only issue is coaches had not been paid. There was an issue with one of the coach’s address but has been corrected.

MOUNTAIN BIKE – Comm. Coira – No report.

VOLLEYBALL – Comm. Coira – Registration will begin January 1st online.

SAO DISCUSSION JIM FOLKERTS- Stated the IRS reporting requirements have changed with additional funds being brought in as the program grows. We now have a CPA working on the books temporarily as they are now tracking over 500 transactions a year. The SAO needs to hire a proper accountant to organize the books properly. They have now created 2 forms for the commissioners to use. One as a check request form and one is a deposit form. Mr. Folkerts was looking for feedback on the forms and new process. Commissioner Nittoli asked if there was a way to pay via credit card. Mr. Folkerts stated that they have a PayPal account and he will look into making “card” payments through that. Wanted to discuss having each sport having a finance rep for the SAO to keep the sports accounting.

CAPITAL PROJECTS –

Roller Rink – Milling has begun on the rink and they are clearing the space. Expecting boards to go up in November. Jim Panzenhagen will be doing the striping of the lines for the court. Received quotes for the scoreboard and we received approval from the town council to put Columbia bank at the bottom of the sign for the \$25k donation. Will go to bank to get graphics for the board. Will try to sell the other 2 boxes on scoreboard.

Football field- Commissioner Nittoli stated that the field is in the worst shape it's ever been in 15 years. Prior to the season they reviewed with DPW what will be done to set up the fields and he did not feel it was not completed as discussed. Currently there is dirt and rocks with holes and puddles. The sprinkler system broke, so there is a trench in the middle of the field in order to fix it where no grass has grown. Chairman Guadagnino spoke to Anthony of the DPW, and he stated that if anything more than discussed needs to be done, then need to find way to finance it to fix the field. There are 3 home games left and may need to play at the high school. Chairman Guadagnino asked for a quote to sod the field.

Tennis Courts Commissioner Guadagnino- A resident came down to council meetings about structural damage. Chairman Guadagnino came down and explained what was happening and stated that it will cost \$65k and we are applying for half of that through grants. Trust can cover the balance, but are looking for some fundraising.

COMMITTEE REPORT – The committee stated that the Travel Sports Policy is in the works. There have been some changes that are forthcoming.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION –

The commissioner discussed and agreed upon the 2020 meeting schedule and event schedule-

Jan 27

Feb24

March 30

April 27

May18

June 29

July 27

September 21

October 26

November 23

December 21

Baseball/softball parade June 6th

Waivers- Chairman Guadagnino stated that when parents are registering their child online through a waiver, they should check off the “pay by check” box. Commissioners will then need to tell Tracy about the waiver in order to properly account for the scholarship in the system.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

Green Team Discussion- Chairman Guadagnino introduced the Anti-Idling Statute and the request for enforcement by the Recreation Commission from the Green Team. There was a spirited 15-minute conversation.

Following a discussion by the commission on the topic, the commission crafted an official statement and voted unanimously to accepted the following statement.

The Recreation Commission will encourage participants of their programs to abide by the anti-idling statute, however will leave it to the discretion of those participants. The Commission does not support additional signage regarding the policy at the Recreation Fields.

RECREATION AID – Tracy sent an email about those who have not paid and wants to remind everyone to follow up with those families.

Chairman Guadagnino reminded everyone that it is budget season and Neil will be contacting everyone soon regarding them.

COUNCIL LIASON – No Report.

Open Session – Seeing no one in the audience from the public there was no second open session

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, October 28, 2019 AT 8:00PM.**

Executive Session-

Cheer Bags

Commissioner King requested a discussion regarding an issue that was brought to her attention, by some parents of children in the cheer program. There were six families upset over the fact that their children received one type of bag when they started in the cheer program in second grade, and that the other girls on the squad received a larger version when they began cheer the following year. Commissioner Walker stated that there is a new bag every year and in previous years, a draw string bag was offered and she switched to a duffle style bag when the vendor changed. Most of the current 4th-9th grade girls have the drawstring version. Those who are in younger grades or who started later received the current duffle bag. She also stated that each girl receives one bag upon registering for the program for the first time. As the squads are grouped in grades of 2, there was a point where one grade received a different style bag than those in the other grade in the squad. The complaint that was made to Commissioner King was by a group of 4th grade parents who wanted a new bag to match what the 3rd grade girls on the squad received. Commissioner Walker explained that they already received a bag and therefore would need to replace their bag should they choose to, on their own. She offered to share the site where the bags were purchased so they could purchase a matching one. As per Commissioner King, the parents felt that they pay the same amount as the other children enrolling for cheer and should receive a new bag each year so everyone matches. Following a discussion by the commission and a lack of resolution on the issue, Commissioner Saliani motioned to vote on whether the commission would purchase new bags for the 6 families requesting. The motion to vote was seconded by Commissioner King. The results of the vote were 5 to 4 in favor of purchasing the new bags. Chairman Guadagnino stated that he will pay for the bags Commissioner Nittolit stated that he may be reimbursed from the football fundraising moneys.

Chairman Guadagnino asked for a motion to close the executive session and adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner King. The motion passed unanimously.