

**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FOR JANUARY  
Monday, September 19, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:01PM by Chairman Guadagnino, held at the Danny D'Elia Building under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Guadagnino, Rotondo, Ives, Sheydwasser, Coira, Logatto, Scalabrini and Bleeker were present. Commissioner Catalano was absent.

**Chair's Report:** AD meeting went well. People seem to like it and him. Commissioner Logatto did a great job setting up. The borough questioned the field usage schedule, Chair Guadagnino and Commissioner Logatto stated they feel that it is running well as is and would like to continue to have field scheduling fall under the commission. We feel we have greater knowledge of the people who want to rent in order to maintain control. There have been issues in the past with outside renters, the commissioners understand who they are and what their intent is for the fields. There have been no complaints with the field scheduling.

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

Andrea Levy 780 Ramapo Valley Road- Ms. Levy stated that she was visiting the different committees in town. She is running for town council and wanted to get out there and introduce herself to the community. She stated she has lived in Oakland for 18 years and had kids who have since graduated from town. She stated that from conversations she had with committees and town and from her experience being on committees, that many committees don't talk and interact with each other. Lack of communication is causing a break and we could be helping each other. (Chair Guadagnino shared info about a past chairman's roundtable and that it died and could be a great thing to bring back).

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

Approval of the July 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 – No Report.

**BASKETBALL** – Comm. Ives – Season is getting ready to start. Info has been send out to schools and we are taking registrations on community pass. More info going out to the schools through Rosa.

**FOOTBALL** – Comm. Catalano – No Report

**GOLF** – Comm. Bleeker- Fall season is low in registration and we are trying to grow the program a bit more. Need at least 6 to run but are struggling to reach as there are many other programs running at this time.

**ROLLER HOCKEY** – Comm. Bleeker – Flyers should have gone out today. Sign up opened Sept 1 but flyers didn't go out until school opened. We are seeing a lot of growth in the program.

**SOCCER** – Comm. Rotondo – Season is running well. We are two weeks in. Apparel sale started and we still have another week. Pictures are this weekend. Fields are looking great.

**SOFTBALL** – Comm. Logatto – Two teams are playing in the fall. They use the batting cage for batting but no field work. All of their games are away. They do not conflict with soccer so everything is running very well.

**SPECIAL NEEDS** – Comm. Scalabrini – Football is in its second week. 22 kids playing football and we 7 cheerleaders. The new AD is going to work with getting kids from the high school football team to volunteer.

**TENNIS** – Comm. Scalabrini – We are in the second week of tennis but we were rained out the first week. 20 kids registered. Valley middle school will be doing tennis club starting next week.

**WRESTLING** – Comm. Logatto- Community pass opening 3rd week of September with flyers going out end of this week. NJ sports house is closing down but the people who are subletting it are going to let wrestling stay there as a regular year round tenant.

**CHEERLEADING** – Comm Sheydwasser –Doing well. Opened spirit wear sale a littler earlier this year. There are 101 cheerleaders registered this year. Overall going well. And Jen LaTerra has been helping.

**LACROSSE** – Comm. Coira – Registration begins Oct 1- 30<sup>th</sup>. Program runs through Franklin Lakes. For the in town clinic program we need to set up a meeting to discuss.

**SUMMER CAMP** – Chair Guadagnino- Camp went well. Very few issues. Overall a successful program.

**PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS** - Chair Guadagnino- Commissioners Logatto and Catalano and Pete Saletti will discuss what we can do to fix up some of the fields that need extra attention. Pickleball nets are being used. When the official courts are put in, we expect heavy use.

Requested assistance from the town council to talk with VMS to create an easier process for space use requests. We are asking for a blanket approval of use for the year rather than paperwork per use with k-8. This would allow a more fluid approval process based on availability rather than going through time intensive paperwork per use.

**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS** – Comm Sheydwasser – No report.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE** – Comm. Ives – No Report.

**VOLLEYBALL** –Comm. Coira – No Report

**CAPITAL PROJECTS –**

**Truman Field – Commissioner Rotondo-** We are hoping they can begin in November but are waiting on updates.

**Tennis Court-** Bid has not yet gone out. We were expecting it to go out over the summer around Memorial Weekend.

**COMMITTEE REPORT** – No report

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION** – No Report

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**Recreation Advertising-** Chair Guadagnino shared that the advertising banners on field 8 that were done as a fundraiser are up. After submission of the collected money and bill to the borough, the borough would like to review artwork before he signs off on payment to the vendor. Chair Guadagnino has brought his concerns to the attention of the Mayor and the banners have already been printed.

**NEW BUSINESS – Logatto-**There is a shed by fields 3 and 5 cages: Would like to consider adding another by the field 2 batting cage. It will allow us to keep a second pitching machine and allow for extra storage on the other side of the complex. Expected cost \$2500. Chair Guadagnino stated can be put it in as a capital expense for next year if needed. We can also look at our budget at the end of the year to see what might be left to purchase.

**Commissioner Rotondo-** Asked if there is a written policy regarding refunds. Chair Guadagnino said no because we've tried and there too much variation with programs. It is up to the commissioner of the specific sports. Is there a policy for late fees? Chair Guadagnino stated yes. There is a blanket \$30 fee.

**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 October 24th AT 8:00PM.**