

**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, April 27, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Oakland Recreation Commission was called to order at 8:01 PM by Chairman Guadagnino, via remote Zoom Meeting (862 1095 5434) under the public sunshine laws. Commissioners Guadagnino, Lattera, Logatto, Saliani, Scalabrini, King, Coira and Hagerman were present. Motions to excuse Commissioner Walker was unanimous. Councilman Van Eck was also present.

**Chairman Guadagnino** mentioned the passing of Gary Walker a beloved member of the community and wanted to express condolences and prayers to his family. Chairman Guadagnino also acknowledged the many other Oakland residents who have been effected by COVID-19 and asked everyone continues to keep them in their thoughts.

**Chairman Guadagnino** stated that the Recreation Commission will do their best to offer spring and summer sports if possible. It is being discussed and they will do their best to make it happen.

**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 Logatto. 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 Scalabrini. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**BASEBALL** – Comm. Saliani – Baseball is delayed due to current situation. Approximately 450 participants registered for t-ball through 8<sup>th</sup>. Set to go if they get permission to go. Uniforms and coordinators are all set. Just waiting to hear from leagues. On travel side, cancelled the Cooperstown team and spot is held for next year. Father’s Day tournament is waiting to see what happens before any decisions are made. Summer is still in discussion for travel. Another possibility is s delayed season into the summer. There are a lot of options in discussion.

**BASKETBALL** – Comm. Walker – No Report.

**FOOTBALL** – Comm. Hagerman – A month into registration. 8 registered as of last week. Uniforms have deposit down. Everything is on hold but need to do some more fundraising for new uniforms. Everything scheduled is TBD as of right now.

**GOLF** – Comm. Laterra – Program is on hold. The green is hopefully being worked on but unsure at this time. We are prepared to install it at DPW’s availability.

**ROLLER HOCKEY** – Comm. King – The league we are associated with took money from their earnings and donated a bunch of meals to Hackensack hospital on behalf of all the teams in their leagues. Playoffs were cancelled prior to completion. There is no current indication that it will resume. Equipment collection is on hold for now. Referee reimbursements have been done and trophy POs have been put through.

**SOCCER** – Comm. Saliani – Registration opened April 1st and 67 children are currently registered. Travel league 5<sup>th</sup> and up is unsure at this time. They are having meetings to discuss plans. We have extended the registration until August 1<sup>st</sup> but will have a hard stop. Plan to start first week in September.

**SOFTBALL** – Comm. Logatto- 170 participants registered. Teams were set and coaches and coordinators in place. Ready to go when everything is opened up. Will play internal games to make it a fun season for the kids. An option is to run into summer as well to give the most complete season as possible. Travel try outs were not held but are ready to go when they can open things up. Still waiting to hear if there will be a travel season.

**SPECIAL NEEDS** – Comm. Scalabrini- Bowling is postponed for now.

**TENNIS** – Comm. Scalabrini – Kids tennis is on hold and waiting for the go ahead to open the courts again.

**WRESTLING** – Comm. Logatto – No Report.

**CHEERLEADING** – Comm. Walker – Commissioner Laterra shared that the spring zoom cheer program is set up with 5 girls registered. 20 girls are signed up for normal cheer.

**LACROSSE** – Comm. Coira – The lacrosse program run through Franklin Lakes is cancelled. The new prek-2<sup>nd</sup> is currently on hold with the hopes of running over summer.

**SUMMER CAMP** – Chair Guadagnino – Emily has been conducting interviews for staff. We are still unsure on how many campers we will have so we don’t know about staffing yet. Issues with the Bus Company and vendors due to things being closed. We are working on resolving

them. Recreation Camp registration info is on the website. Money is not being collected yet but registration is available.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS** – Fields are closed. Thomas McGinnis Memorial at the reserve was damaged. The Recreation Commission reached out to the family and let them know they would be moving the plaque to the Rec Field near the hockey rink and it is all set for an eventual unveiling.

**Tony Diers Bench** dedication was scheduled for last week. Bench was purchased by the Fathers Club and will be placed by field 8 by 3<sup>rd</sup> base. The cement pad has been laid and ceremony has been rescheduled for September 26th. The plaque for the bench is ready.

**Walking path-** Commissioner King requested an update on the potential opening of the walking path around the sports fields. Chairman Guadagnino shared that he spoke with the Mayor and it was discussed with the council members. The governing body discussed the possible reopening at the last meeting and the majority were against it at this time. Input from the commissioners was given on how to maintain safety and social distancing if it was to open. Councilman Van Eck shared that he was the sole voice advocating to open it back up but at this time, while the other council members were not on board with this for now.

**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS** – Comm. Laterra– We are offering those who registered for the cancelled Spring Break Camp space in a summer camp program. Registration was low for the Spring Break Camp. All other camps are planned to run if summer recreation programs are allowed.

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

**VOLLEYBALL** – Comm. Coira – 7 of the 8 weeks were completed before everything was shut down. Next year possibly looking at making the program co-ed. Looking to break up the age groups as well for next year as it is currently 3-8<sup>th</sup> grades.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS** –.

**Delia sign-** get a sign with a map in from of the complex with an info board on the other side. Chairman Guadagnino will ask the SAO if they would donate the sign. Commissioner Logatto has found vendors and is waiting on quotes but will hopefully have in the next 2 weeks.

**Field 9 Scoreboard-** Posts are up and electric is run but it has been on hold for now. Will follow up on it.

**Tennis court resurfacing-** Grant has been approved. Chairman Guadagnino will be discussing it with the town on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

A motion to approve minutes from February's regular Recreation Commission Meeting was made by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner King. Motioned to approve passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORT** – Plan for opening parks. An Ad hoc sub-committee has been created- with Commissioners Guadagnino, Saliani and Logatto.

The plan would to open in three phases. The Recreation Commission must have approval from the governing body to reopen parks.

1<sup>st</sup>- Open parks for passive recreation such as picnics and walking as well as opening the walking path. Sports fields will continue to remain closed.

2<sup>nd</sup>- Open batting cages and tennis courts. Social distancing can be maintained.

3<sup>rd</sup>- Everything reopens normally and Rec Sports resume

Chairman Guadagnino will have a formal plan written up and shared with the governing body.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION** – No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

**RECREATION AID** – No Report.

**COUNCIL LIAISON** – Councilman Van Eck apologized for missing previous meetings due to a family emergency.

**OPEN SESSION**- Motion made by Commissioner Saliani as seconded by Commissioner King and voted yes unanimously.

**Jen Peligrini (1 Laurel Lane)**- asked if there was a drop dead date you would cancel the spring sports seasons. Chairman Guadagnino stated that at this time no, they'd like to run in summer if possible. Ms. Peligrini also asked if plans were being made for fall at this time. Chairman Guadagnino said that everything would be based on the decisions of the state and local governments.

A motion to close the 2<sup>nd</sup> public session was made by Commissioner Saliani and seconded by Commissioner Logatto.

**Chairman Guadagnino** ended the meeting with a mention on the importance of mental health during this time and wanted to share that there are resources that are being shared on the Borough's website and Facebook and LetsTalkOakland.us.

**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, MAY 18, 2020 AT 8:00PM.**