

**OAKLAND RECREATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 28, 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, and Scalabrini were present. Councilman Kulmala was also present. Commissioner King and Nittoli were absent. Commissioner Coira arrived late.

Chairman Guadagnino requested for a motion to excuse Commissioners Nittoli and King. A motion to excuse was made by Saliani and seconded by Commissioner Logatto. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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.

Shelley Mc Mahon 6 Osage Road: : Ms. Mc Mahon read a message she prepared for the commission regarding an injury her son suffered during a football practice on September 19, 2019 in order to document the situation.

A personnel discussion followed and because of the sensitive nature and the individual being discussed was not in the room, Chairman Guadagnino asked that it be part of executive minutes.

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

BUDGET DISCUSSION-Neil reviewed with the commission the sports budgets, and some expected changes to sports specific budgets based on this year's numbers. There was a question and answer period with the commissioners regarding their specific budgets. All questions were resolved.

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

BASEBALL – Comm. Saliani – No Report.

BASKETBALL – Comm. Walker – Travel try outs are complete. Commissioner Walker will be meeting with the assessor this week to finalize and will be sending out emails and posting on the website the teams. Numbers are good. For recreation basketball, registration is still open.

FOOTBALL – Comm. Nittoli – No Report.

GOLF – Comm. Laterra – No Report.

ROLLER HOCKEY – Comm. King – Roller Hockey registration is still underway until 11/1 with a little wiggle room for stragglers until 11/15. After that date no late sign-ups can be accepted due to the new League rule of locked rosters. This was a change that was implemented after the situation last season with unrostered players showing up to playoff games. This season the League has agreed to use stamped rosters so that "new" players cannot all of a sudden show up on the rosters and we then have to hear how it was an "error" and the player was just "left off by mistake."

Tomorrow we will be having a Q&A with the coaches down at the Danny D from 7-8 since I have received many questions from parents who are new to the sport. We are also using this as an opportunity to have an equipment swap. Players can bring their old equipment down and people can take what they can use for their child.

The season is set to begin the week before Thanksgiving with Practice and Games will begin the 1st week of December. Numbers are way down throughout the League and because of that we may have to combine with more than 1 town for certain age groups.

People are very excited about the new rink. We just received the proof for the signage that will go on the score board for Columbia Bank. Please look for a date in early December for a dedication ceremony.

SOCCER – Comm. Saliani – Soccer is coming to an end with the K-2 grade programs. Made the program more developmental rather than competitive for k-2. Ending this weekend. Travel team will end next Saturday.

SOFTBALL – Comm. Logatto – No report.

SPECIAL NEEDS – Comm. Scalabrini – Bowling program has started and the football team went to Old Bridge and played in the Pumpkin Bowl. It was a great success.

TENNIS – Comm. Scalabrini – No report.

WRESTLING – Comm. Logatto – A parent reached out to him saying there was a ripple in the program and they needed answers about things going on in the program. Commissioner Logatto held an open meeting for families who had concerns for a discussion about the program and wanted to ask questions. After 5 minutes of discussion it was found that there were limited actual issues and a lot of the perceived issues were due to rumors. Following the meeting, Commissioner Logatto felt the program is in good shape. In person registration is over and online registration is open until Nov. 15th. Registrations made after that deadline will incur late

fees. Season starts right after thanksgiving and end in March. Will be held at Indian hills and NJ Sports House.

CHEERLEADING – Comm. Walker – Cheerleading had it's last home game and have a playoff game for all Pee Wee through Sr. Mighty Mites might have a game tomorrow based on weather. November 14-16th will be uniform return dates. First competition for Cheer Team is November 23 and others will be December 15th and January 11th. Requested help from Mothers and Fathers Club to get proper sized uniforms for smaller sized members. Both clubs contributed money to help purchase the new skirts and liners. Younger girls have expressed interest in competition and will review for future. Opening 5th-6th grade cheer to Franklin Lakes.

LACROSSE – Comm. Nittoli – Has been added to budget for 2020

SUMMER CAMP – Chair Guadagnino –The budget will show major increase in costs due to the minimum wage law change for camp counselors. The program is still run without any borough taxpayer contribution, but the law required and large fee hike.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – Chair. Guadagnino – A light went out and the system contacted Rec and DPW. Someone will be coming down to fix it from the light company.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS – Comm. Laterra– Summer sports camps will be going to a Mets game this year. Going to raise the fee \$50 to cover the cost of the trip. That will cover the ticket and transportation. Date TBD. Cheer camp is expected to grow this year with the growth of the cheer program.

MOUNTAIN BIKE – Comm. Coira – No report.

VOLLEYBALL – Comm. Coira – The fees are going up significantly about 50%. This is due to the cost of the coaches. Additionally, the program did not meet numbers last year and this will help cover those losses. Jan 21- March 19 for the season.

CAPITAL PROJECTS –

Roller Rink –Chairman Guadagnino received a note that the boards will be in by the end of month or beginning of November.

Tennis Courts Commissioner Guadagnino- Waiting for the grant to come through regarding the resurfacing project.

Vandalism- Commissioner Guadagnino stated that the bathroom was trashed boys last week. A soap dispenser was ripped out and paper was thrown around. Would like to look into timed electronic locks for the bathrooms.

Trees on Butternut- The commission received a letter regarding the incompleteness of the butternut corner. Chairman Guadagnino has forwarded this issue to the Mayor and Administrator because local residents are very upset regarding the lack of completion and are coming to him about it.

COMMITTEE REPORT – Chairman Guadagnino requested that the grievance committee work on the coach's issue and to please finish their assignments as soon as possible.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMISSION – No Report.

OLD BUSINESS – No Report.

NEW BUSINESS – No Report.

RECREATION AID – No Report.

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, November 30, 2019 AT 8:00PM.