The Keyport Recreation Committee Meeting held James Butler, called a Meeting on January 6, 2025 this meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: A. Jennings, N. Jones, V. Pacheco, A. Padilla, S. Ryan, A. Washington, K. Fread, D. Nellis, J. Butler, Councilmember McNamara,

Absent: N. Francis, Councilmember Brady

Pledge of Allegiance

J. Butler introduced himself to the new members, and welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes from December 2nd meeting

Motion to approve Minutes: N. Jones, second by S. Ryan

Ayes: A. Jennings, N. Jones, S. Ryan, A. Washington
Abstain: A. Padilla, V. Pacheco, K. Fread

Nomination for Chairman – this would be carried to the February meeting

J. Butler will reach out to the administrator to see if no one wanted this position if he could be the Chair even though he was a paid person.

J. Butler handed out a packet with all the event information for the committee to review.

Calendar of Events for 2025.
Egg Hunt 4/5 rain date 4/12
Movie Nights: 6/25 rain date 7/2
7/9 rain date 7/16 – Scoobie Doo
7/23 rain date 7/30 - Elf
8/6 rain date 8/13

Food Truck Festival – May 31 rain date 6/1 – update on contract
Mini Camp August 18 to 22 – update on summer camp director
Town wide yard sale 9/13 -9/14 – (Is there only one)
Keyport 5k – September 20
Halloween House Decorating Contest – October 1 to 30
Christmas Decorating November 14 – December 20
Trunk or Treat – October 18
Winter Craft & Hot Chocolate 12/20

J. Butler spoke about all the upcoming events. D. Nellis asked if the Borough Administrator has approved the dates and budget. J. Butler stated that he will touch base with Ms. Humphrey.

J. Butler reminded everyone that January 15th was their first candy bingo at the Sr. Center. D. Nellis had made the flyers and placed them on the facebook page.

J. Butler spoke about additional event he would like to add this year. He explained that he would like to have an Irish Night. There was discussion regarding possibly doing a porch fest where bands play on different resident porches.

There were two movies carried to 2025, one is Scobie doo the other is Elf. J. Butler would like to show elf on July 23rd as Christmas in July. There was a recommendation on facebook for one of the movies to be Lion King. D. Nellis will get a list of movies and send them to the committee.

Summer Camp – J. Butler stated that they would start small approximately 60 children. The fee would be by week. There was discussion regarding the Keyport residents having the first chance to reserve these spots before going to other towns. There would different fees for Keyport residents and other towns.

Skate Park – J. Butler has been in touch with the gentleman that was involved in previous events at the skate park and would he would like to be apart of an event again.

J. Butler would like to have a 2025 sponsorship form for businesses. He would have signage made for the sponsors. It would be a yearly donation.

J. Butler will type up a letter for corporate sponsorship and give it to the committee to review. A. Padilla would like the letter to give to his company Enterprise Rental. K. Fread asked if individuals could be sponsors; yes.

J. Butler stated that Union Beach was doing an ornament with family's names on them for the Christmas tree this year and feels it is a success. Possibly having Keyport do the same.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17PM
Next meeting scheduled for February 3, 2025