

The Keyport Recreation Committee Meeting held Denise Nellis, Secretary called a Meeting on January 3, 2024 this meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Mary Holtz, Nicki Francis, Suzanne Ryan, Nancy Jones, Jay Faltings
Councilmember Brady, Mayor Araneo, Denise Nellis (Secretary)

Absent: Amanda Jennings, Dottie Aumack, Ezra Hill, David Quinn,
Councilmember Gross

Motion to approve November 6th meeting minutes was made and carried.

Nomination for Chairman: Mary Holtz

Motion to: J. Faltings second: N. Francis

Ayes: Nicki Francis, Suzanne Ryan, Nancy Jones, Jay Faltings

Kiwanis Presentation – Todd and Mike from Keyport Kiwanis thanked the recreation committee for all their events in 2024. Keyport Kiwanis gave Recreation a check for 500.00. They asked that it used towards an event that Recreation will have during 2024.

Chairperson Holtz discussion some sites on social media having inappropriate language when you hit the relevant statement. She asked for clarification on what sites the Committee was allowed to share to. There was discussion regarding what sites were safe to share recreation events. M. Holtz confirmed that they are allowed to share the information on their personal page; yes.

The committee is looking to purchase the following items for 2024, a new banner, tent and tablecloth. Chairperson Holtz will look into this and send the committee some ideas.

Calendar of Events for 2024:

Discussion regarding having Shop Rite Food Truck - D. Nellis will send email to see if they are available for the movie nights.

Discussion regarding next year is meeting dates – The committee will continue to meet the first Monday of every month except in September when it would be the first Wednesday.

Easter Egg Hunt 3/24 rain date 3/30

Movie for Woof Night Out – 6/6 Rain Date 6/13 Committee would like Hotel for Dogs

Movie Nights 6/19 rain date 6/26, 7/3 rain date 7/10, 7/17 rain date 7/24 and 7/31 rain date 8/14 – Movies will be decided. It was suggested for the 7/17 movie to have Christmas in July and show the movie Elf.

Some movie ideas: 5 Nights of Freddy, Scoobie Doo, Jumangi (new one), Harry Potter (1st movie), Willie Wonka (new one), Jurassic Park, Sandlot, Night at the Museum

Saturday Morning Shows – M. Holtz will contact D. Quinn to see the status

2024 Yard Sale - June 8 and 9 and October 5 and 6th – There was discussion regarding how the residents would sign up and if there was going to be a map. The committee suggested having the residents sign up with their name, address and email. Possibly using a QR-code for sign up

Food Festival - 5/25 and 8/31 form has been sent to Mayor and Council for approval

Keyport 5k Race – rain date 9/21 rain date TBD – N. Jones stated that the race was no longer fun for her. She is considering not being the lead for this event. N. Jones is not sure she wanted to be the point person for this event she stated that it was not fun anymore.

CPR Class – Chairperson Holtz will speak to K. Krohe and K. Howe regarding possible dates.

Self Defense Classes - Chairperson Holtz will speak to Chief Torres.

Halloween Decorating Contest 10/27/24 – There was discussion regarding having people use a QR-code to sign up for this. They would also like to involve the residents in voting on the houses that have signed up for the contest. The committee also would like the flyer to state new winners every year.

Holiday Decorating Contest 12/15/2024 - There was discussion regarding having people use a QR-code to sign up for this. They would also like to involve the residents in voting on the houses that have signed up for the contest. The committee also would like the flyer to state new winners every year.

Trunk or Treat with parade 10/19 rain date 10/20 – Chairperson Holtz stated that she would like this combined with the KBBC Zombie Walk event. There was discussion regarding having the parade with the children and having some type of prizes for best costume.

Fall Event/Thanksgiving – discussion regarding possibly pumpkin painting: Chairperson Holtz will speak to KBBC regarding the possibility of having this during their Witch event.

Winter craft – 12/21/24

Summer Camp – S. Ryan will be handling. The dates she has for this would be 8/13 – 8/15 and 8/20 – 8/22 from 9am to 1pm.

Monmouth County Saturday Morning – S. Ryan will look into having this again.

Possible additional events for 2024

Tree Lighting (Miracle on West Front Street) 11/30 – Councilmember Brady will speak to Administrator to see what Recreation will be doing for this event.

Community Day 5/18 rain date 5/19 – Chairperson Holtz would like recreation to have a table at this event. There was discussion regarding what type of give a ways they should buy.

Senior Prom – N. Francis will reach out to L. Savoia regarding this. N. Francis stated that the only cost would be a DJ and light refreshments.

Teen Night at the Senior center- There was discussion regarding possibly using the senior center for the teenagers to get together and be able to socialize and possibly play ping pong.

There was a discussion regarding what the Committee could do for the older children. Councilmember Brady will check with Administrator if the committee could use the Senior Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:53pm.

Next meeting scheduled for February 6, 2023