

The Keyport Recreation Committee Meeting held Chairperson Holtz, called a Meeting on February 5, 2024 this meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: M. Holtz, N. Francis (arrived 7:16pm), S. Ryan, N. Jones, D. Aumack, J. Faltings
Councilmember Brady, Mayor Araneo, Denise Nellis (Secretary)

Absent: A. Jennings, D. Quinn, Councilmember Gross

Approval of Minutes from January 3rd meeting

Motion to approve minutes was made by J. Faltings, second by N. Jones

Ayes: J. Faltings, S. Ryan, N. Jones, N. Francis, M. Holtz

Abstain: D. Aumack

Discussion:

By Laws to be updated 2024 – Chairperson Holtz explained that she will be getting a committee together to draft By Laws for Recreation. She mentioned that she has waiting on the clerk to see if Recreation ever had by laws.

There is an advertisement for Recreation Leader posted- this would be a part-time position. Direct report to the Administrator. Must attend the recreation committee meetings.

Month of June- An event that acknowledges Pride Month:

M. Holtz asked if the school did something for this event. There was discussion of recreation being part of what the school would do.

Month of August- An event that acknowledges Overdose Awareness – There was discussion regarding Recreation being part of the Municipal Alliance event. Recreation could possibly have a table at the Municipal Alliance event.

Summer Program – do we think shared services/ coop with a surrounding town is the best option for this year? The committee felt that if this was going to happen in Keyport the director should have been hired already. M. Holtz mentioned that we would have to pay the counselors minimum wage so if the committee decided to move ahead with this in the future the price for the camp would have to increase. There was discussion regarding possibly seeing if other towns would welcome our children. D. Nellis mentioned last year they tried this and the surrounding towns would only accept other towns after their children were signed up.

Does the YMCA hold any programs for children/teens in Keyport? Through the BOE.

D. Nellis explained that the event forms go to the Administrator and then to the police department for approval.

Calendar of Events for 2024:

Discussion regarding having two members for each event – these must be decided so we can update the forms.

Discussion regarding having Shop Rite Food Truck – D. Nellis sent email waiting on response Easter Egg Hunt waiting for event form from N. Francis – need to change rain date (Rain date for St. Patrick's Day parade the same)

N. Francis spoke about some of the ideas from the committee. She explained that a petting zoo would be approximately \$1500.00, and she only has budgeted \$1500.00 for the full event. There was discussion regarding adding another face painter instead of some of the giveaways. The committee discusses possibly having less raffles then in the past. Chairperson Holtz mentioned that Butterfly Basket might do face painting. S. Ryan stated she was willing to train someone to help with face painting. There was discussion regarding the number of volunteers that would be needed for the event. Chairperson Holtz stated that last year with the date change there wasn't enough volunteers.

- Discussion regarding the Friends of the Bayshore donating \$25 golden egg for each age category hunt. They also want to donate 200 easter buckets I believe to give out at event.

The committee thought that the donation of the eggs and basket was a great idea. Chairperson Holtz liked the idea of the golden egg. There would be a donation of six eggs. Each egg would have \$25, this would be donated by Friends of the Bayshore.

There was discussion regarding the dates for the hunt, Chairperson Holtz reminded the committee that there should be two-point people for each event. The dates for the hunt will be on March 10th with the rain date of March 30th.

Motion to change the dates was made by J. Faltings, second by D. Aumack with ayes by all present.

Motion to approve keeping the raffles (approximately 10 raffles) was made by N. Jones, second by D. Aumack

Ayes: N. Francis (arrived 7:16pm), S. Ryan, N. Jones, D. Aumack, J. Faltings

Nays: Chairperson Holtz

Chairperson Holtz explained that she wanted to use raffle money towards something else to add to the event. N. Frances and N. Jones both agreed that the purpose of raffles is used to keep people there for the egg hunt. Chairperson Holtz would like the hunt to be broken down in age group categories because of issues last year.

Committee voted to put them in with the raffles. Chairperson Holtz feels that there should be a police officer present this year due to the parents last year. N. Francis agreed the parents were the problem last year.

John Merla, stated that the Friends of the Bayshore will donate 300 baskets and he got a second face painter for the event for free. Mr. Merla mentioned that the antlers would be able to help stuff the eggs.

Movie Nights 6/6 rain date 6/13, 7/3 rain date 7/10, 7/17 rain date 7/24 and 7/31 rain date 8/14

D. Nellis stated that the movies have been reserved for the above dates. The recreation director would be present at the movie nights.

Saturday Morning Shows TBD – Chairperson Holtz reported that she has reached out to Mr. Scott and is waiting on a call back. There was discussion regarding possibly doing a

2024 Yard Sale – waiting on event form from M. Holtz dates for the event would be June 8th and 9th and October 5th and 6th. Residents will register possibly by using a QR code

Food Truck Festival - 5/25 and 8/31 waiting on Chief to approve the dates.

Keyport 5k Race - date 9/21 rain date TBD (event form from N. Jones)

N. Jones stated that she doesn't think the rain date should be on the application. M. Holtz stated she will speak to Police Chief regarding a rain date. There was further discussion regarding the rain date. They decided to take off the application "rain or shine". The rain date would have to be secured with Brian from run sign up. Chairperson Holtz reminded the committee that there needs to be a second person for each event per the Mayor. There was discussion regarding having the in-kind sponsorships as well as gift cards for the raffles. N. Jones has questions about sponsor guide and in-kind donations. She wants to raise sponsor fees. In-kind raffles keep people there for awards she wants to continue to take the in-kind for the raffles.

Self Defense Classes – M. Holtz is waiting on dates from Police Chief.

Halloween Decorating Contest 10/27/24 (event form from M. Holtz) – M. Holtz stated that she is waiting to see about QR codes and how the residents would vote for the houses.

Trunk or Treat with parade 10/19 rain date 10/20 - there was discussion regarding keeping the parade with the trunk or treat. After the discussion the committee felt it would be to confusing to have the parade with this event since we are joining one of the KBBC events.

Fall Event/Thanksgiving – discussion regarding possibly pumpkin painting - carried to the next meeting

Winter craft – 12/21/24 A. Jennings handed in the event form for this event.

Cedar Street Field Permit for School – L. Maher has submitted application

Motion to approve D. Aumack, second by J. Faltings with ayes by all present.

Possible events

Somerset Patriot Game - looking into seeing what Blue Claws would cost. John Merla reached out to the executive director of blue claws to come speak at our next meeting and see what they offer.

Keansburg water Park Trip – committee felt this was a good idea – carried to the next meeting

Discussion regarding date to start putting information out regarding the free Halloween Costumes and who could help distribute them. – carried to the next meeting.

There was discussion regarding possibly a bowling night out, N. Jones will call bowling alley to get information.

J. Faltings stated he would contact mobile video game truck to get prices and report back to the committee.

S. Ryan will call Urban Air to see what type of packages they have and report back to the committee.

N. Francis will reach out to S. Lamberson regarding the possibility of having a Pokémon Night like they had in the past.

Councilwoman Brady mentioned that she is working with the Administrator on using the Senior Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:48pm

Next meeting scheduled for March 4, 2024