

The Keyport Recreation Committee Meeting was called to order by Council member Brady at 7:10PM

Present: N. Jones, S. Lamberson, P. Burns, A. Baddeley, Councilmember Brady, Councilmember McNamara, D. Nellis

Absent – V. Pacheco, N. Francis, A. Jennings, K. Fread

Recreation Leaders: Jay Faltings, Amanda Walling

Senior Center: Chris McManus

Pledge of Allegiance – Councilmember Brady

Approval of Minutes from December 1st meeting

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

Ayes: All present

Abstain: A. Baddeley

The committee discussed dates for next years events. The tentative dates are as follows:

Movie Wicked – June 24th rain date July 1st

Town Wide Yard Sale – June 13 & 14 and Sept 12 & 13

Cancer Awareness – carried to the next meeting – discussion regarding the different if this would just be Breast cancer. Pink ribbon paint the town pink

5K Race – September 26th

Trunk or treat – October 25th

Halloween House Decorating Contest – start 10/1 voting to take place 10/24. There was a discussion regarding the number of years a winner

would have to wait until they are able to win again. It was decided that it would be a three-year waiting period.

Day of the Dead Event Day of the Dead – November 1st

Christmas House Decorating Contest – Registration would start on 12/1 and the voting will start on 12/18. The committee would like to go to the houses to present the awards.

Winter Craft – November 28th combined with the Borough's tree lighting. It was discussed to start the craft later and once it is over to shut the council room doors. There was a discussion regarding having the Grinch give out candy canes.

Easter make and take craft – Nicki will supply date

Kick off to Summer– June 19th 2026

Monmouth 250 – D. Nellis reported that the event will be called Stars and Stripes it will include the food truck festival. There was discussion regarding changing the date. D. Nellis will reach out to Mayor Araneo to discuss.

Senior Dance – Carry to next meeting

J. Faltings spoke about responses on via Facebook and interests that the community would like to see the town have.

Discussions using senior center for different events as well as weekends/evenings

Discussion on a possible suicide prevention event- Rex will help with this.

There was discussion regarding possibly doing 50/50s at events maybe using the senior center raffle license, C. McManus will discuss with advisory board.

Discussion on soldier walk through Keyport to Matawan

Discussion for summer rec- depending on number of days the school will allow- J. Faltings recommended using St Joseph's church, or Gethsemane church for summer camp. J. Faltings will report back with response if approved by parish. Hours are TBD

Discussion to look for driver with CDL

Discussion on finish line race- Jersey shore running club TBD

For recreation events committee reviews, followed up by the clerk and future administration, then follows by the police department, DPW, and rec will finish up and post on Facebook.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15PM

Next regular scheduled meeting scheduled for February 2, 2026