

**RARITAN RECREATION COMMITTEE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
9 West Somerset Street
RARITAN, NJ 08869**

**Raritan Recreation Committee
January 27, 2026 Minutes**

Present: Joyce Melitsky, Jim Fidicaro, Colleen Kempe, Zack Bray, Summer Cutler, Jake Martinez, Tori Cesario

Absent: Jeff King

Others: Ken DiGraziano, Don Tozzi, Stephanie Cornelson, Alicia Wiecenski

Mr. Tozzi did the swearing-in of the members of Raritan Recreation.

The meeting was then called to order at 6:34pm by Stephanie Cornelson, the Recreation Director.

Nominations were held for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of Recreation. The Committee unanimously voted on Summer Cutler to be Chairperson and Zack Bray to be Vice-Chairperson.

Report from Recreation Director (Stephanie Cornelson)

1. Park Improvement grant for \$75,000 which would include picnic tables, fountain, mulch, etc.
2. Town Hall would be held with any interested residents in March after regular recreation meeting.
3. Protecting youth sports means that all volunteers need to have background checks.
4. Instructional basketball will be held on February 28 at JFK School. The registration would be \$40 for 5 sessions for grades K-5.
5. We will vote on a Meditation Program at the March meeting. Everyone approved this along with a Yoga Program which would also be free.
6. Flag Football was approved. More details are needed on this program.
7. We are looking into having Concerts in the Park at the Washington Park from May to September, on Wednesdays.
8. A Mini Job Fair will be held in March at the Municipal Building. This will include job openings for recreation positions.
9. Everyone approved the opening of the pool on June 20 till Labor Day from 12-7. Also, we are looking into charging non-residents to use the pool. On opening Day, we will have a Swim Party with hot dogs, etc.
10. Summer Camp may be expanded this year. This idea was also approved by the Committee.
11. Community Clean-up of the parks may be in April on Earth Day. This will be coordinated with the Environmental Commission.
12. Lego Day would be an event for families to participate in.
13. There will be a Field Usage Permit for any groups, etc. who want to use our fields.
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Report from Assistant Recreation Director (Alicia Wiecenski)

1. Raritan Baseball will be merging with Bradley Gardens Little Loop this year. A Representative from Bradley Gardens described how this works. The registration will be the same for Raritan as BG. We will still play games and practices in Raritan. This year there will be T-Ball and Minor League. We are also looking into Baseball Camp, and getting sponsors and banners for baseball.

Upcoming Events

1. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Frelinghuysen Park on March 21, rain date March 22.

New Business

1. The Committee will be working on Recreation By-Laws.

Budget

1. We have a Temporary Budget of \$12,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Shickora, Secretary