

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

**Raritan Recreation Committee
March 10, 2026, Minutes**

Present: Jeff King, Jim Fidacaro, Colleen Kempe, Zack Bray, Summer Cutler, Molly Martinez, Tori Cesario, Joyce Melitsky
Others: Ken DiGraziano, Stephanie Cornelson, Alicia Wiecenski

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mrs. Cutler.

Mr. Fidacaro made a motion, 2nd by Mr. Bray, to approve the minutes from February; everyone present at that meeting approved.

Report from Recreation Director (Stephanie Cornelson)

1. Proposals for grants will go to Council for approval.
2. Recreation Committee t-shirts have been ordered
3. The Yoga classes offered went well and we may have more.
4. Flag Football will be held in summer.
5. Concerts in the Park will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for the summer. They will be at the Washington School site from 6-8pm.
6. Mini Job Fair – March 14 from noon-2pm.
7. Easter egg stuffing – March 14 2-4pm. Prizes and some candy will be put in the eggs.
8. We are still working on field usage permits.
9. Rain Garden update – Environmental Committee to submit AARP grant for \$15,000.
10. We may use the field at Orlando Drive for Soccer and/or Cricket programs in future.

Report from Assistant Recreation Director (Alicia Wiecenski)

1. Raritan Baseball with Bradley Gardens – so far, 190 have signed up; coaches are needed.
2. We will be having Dodgeball on April 9 for K-5 with two sessions.
3. There will be seasonal craft days, starting with St. Patrick's Day on March 15
4. Instructional Basketball – 59 signed up
5. There will be a St. Patrick's Day craft on March 15.

Upcoming Events

1. Easter Egg Hunt will be March 21, rain date March 22. There will also be a coloring contest.
2. Clean-up Community Day with DPW and Environmental Comm. on April 18.
3. National Night Out will be August 4.

New Business

1. We will discuss the Recreation By-laws at our next meeting.
2. A motion was made by Mr. Bray, 2nd by Mr. King to have pool badges this year at a cost of \$50 per family or \$5 per person per day. The motion was approved by Mr. Fidacaro,

Mrs. Kempe, Mr. King, Mrs. Cutler, Mr. Bray and Ms. Melitsky. Abstaining were Ms. Cesario and Mrs. Martinez.

3. A motion was made by Mr. Bray, 2nd by Ms. Melitsky to approve updates to the baseball fields and basketball courts at Frelinghuysen field for \$25,000 per Council's approval. Everyone approved the motion except for Ms. Cesario and Ms. Martinez who abstained.
4. A motion was made by Ms. Cesario, 2nd by Ms. Cutler to have Yoga classes for adults for a cost of \$45 for 3 months or \$5 drop-in fee. The motion was approved by everyone except Ms. Martinez who abstained.

Budget \$12,500 (Temporary Budget)

A motion was made by Mr. Bray, 2nd by Mrs. Cutler to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Shickora, Secretary