

**SOUTH RIVER PARKS AND RECREATION**  
**55 Reid Street**  
**South River, New Jersey 08882**

January 5, 2016

A meeting of the South River Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the Borough of South River was held on January 5, 2016 and called to order by Lakisha Thomas at 7:10 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Office, 55 Reid Street, South River, New Jersey with the following Board Members in attendance:

Present: Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Brasno, Mrs. Coyle, Mrs. Roselli and Ms. Thomas.

Absent: Mrs. Lucas, Mr. Lyons and newly installed member Mr. Jim Jones and Liaison Councilman Ryan Jones.

Note: This is Mr. Lyons fourth consecutive meeting missed.

Former Advisory Board Member, Margaret Kenny, was present at the meeting and stated that she was not notified that she had been removed from the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Roselli made a motion to accept the December minutes. Mrs. Beck seconded it, and the motion was carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Following is the 2016 meeting schedule as set by the Advisory Board:

January 5, 2016	July and August - No Meetings
February 2, 2016	September 6, 2016
March 1, 2016	October 4, 2016
April 5, 2016	November 1, 2016
May 3, 2016	December 6, 2016
June 7, 2016	

**PROGRAMS:**

**Holiday Party** - There were 50 participants which is approximately half from last year. More advertising will be done next year. With less participants, there were more treats given to those who did come.

**Tree Lighting** - The event was very successful. The South River High School band did a good job and will be asked to participate again next year. Ms. Thomas would like to have more dedicated street space to accommodate the crowd.

**Egg Hunt** - Will take place on March 19th. Ms. Thomas stated that areas will be separated and times will be staggered by age--three and under, kindergarten and first grades, second and third grades, and fourth and fifth grades.

**Fireworks** - The Mayor would prefer the event to be held in August. The event will be discussed further at the February meeting.

**Basketball** - Will begin January 21st. The boys will play games with Highland Park and South Amboy and the girls will play Metuchen and South Amboy. The teams will no longer play New Brunswick.

**Adult Basketball** - Begins January 6. Ms. Thomas will be present to register anyone who comes to play. Mrs. Beck asked Ms. Thomas to send her the flyer and she would put it on her facebook.

**PARKS:**

Ms. Thomas reported that \$1,600.00 was earned in maintenance fees for use of the parks. It was suggested that \$50.00 should be charged for each three hour block that the fields are used. South River teams are not charged a fee.

The meeting was concluded at 7:47 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Office, 55 Reid Street, South River, New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Brasno, Secretary