

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

February 2, 2016

A meeting of the South River Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the Borough of South River was held on February 2, 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, Mr. Jim Jones, Council Liaison Mr. Ryan Jones, Mrs. Roselli, and Ms. Thomas.

Absent: Mrs. Coyle, Mr. Edwards, and Mrs. Lucas.

Introductions of the new Board Member, Mr. Jim Jones, and Council Liaison Mr. Ryan Jones were made to the Board Members. Ms. Thomas spoke on behalf of the newest Board Member, Lee Edwards, stating that regretfully he is not present since he is coaching a Recreation basketball team.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Due to lack of attendance at the Advisory Board meetings, Mr. Thomas Lyons has been removed from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Thomas reported that a letter was sent to a disruptive parent who was removed from an away girls' basketball game due to poor behavior. Ms. Thomas stated that she will be at home games when that team is playing to ensure that the parent behaves properly or she will be ejected. In addition, Recreation employee, Mr. Hank Vandebek, is present at home games.

Discussion was held about having a Facebook page for Parks and Recreation. There was concern about administering the account and limiting comments posted. Councilman Jones stated that he could set up the Facebook account and have a few Board Members administer it in addition to approving the comments. Ms. Thomas will discuss it and report back at the next meeting.

**PROGRAMS:**

**Adult Basketball** – There was 31 people who participated. The program is held at St. Mary's Coptic gym on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for adults 18 years and older.

**Soccer** – The program will be offered in April. Ms. Kate Daly and Ms. Melissa Kahse will run it.

**Egg Hunt** – Will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at St. Mary's Coptic facility. It will be broken down by areas and ages as follows: Toddler/Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten/1st Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grades, and 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grades.

**Fireworks** - Mrs. Beck questioned Ms. Thomas if the event will be held in July or in August as it was last year. Ms. Thomas stated that she sent the information to the Mayor and Council but has not heard back from them. Councilman Jones and Ms. Thomas will follow up to see what is preferred. Discussion commenced on the amount to charge outside vendors for the event in addition to giving preference to local vendors vs. out of town vendors. Councilman Jones suggested that there be two notification letters and response dates for participation—one for local vendors and a later one for out of town vendors. The Board members agreed with his suggestion. Board Member, Jim Jones, made a motion to keep the fee for vendors consistent with that charged by the National Night Out. Mrs. Roselli seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jones suggested that information be collected from parents at the end of programs to solicit their opinions/suggestions. He also suggested that we continue and expand our participation in other towns' sports leagues and that we look into the possibility/interest in offering other programs/sports in the summer and fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by motion of Mrs. Roselli, seconded by Mr. Jones, and carried. The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Office, 55 Reid Street, South River, New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Brasno, Secretary