

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 9/6/2018 (7 – 8:00 PM) - Tivoli Community Room

Attendees (13): Sandra Owens, Bob Strunk, Jim Fennell, Joe Walsh, Marion Parkinson, Peg Szczurek, Mary Feingold, Joan Markoe, Jan Roberts, Joan Applegate, Eve Adler, Stan Ordo and Grace Hanrahan. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the 7/5/2018 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Joan Markoe reported:

As of 7/31/2018: \$10,910.30 (included Parks on Tap Reinvestment Grant of \$2,039.97 and additional dues)

As of 8/31/2018: \$10,810.31 (included the expense of \$99.99 for doggie waste bags)

Calendar: Next Park Cleanup: Saturday 9/22/2018 at 10 AM

 Next Meeting: Thursday 10/4/2018 at 7 PM

 Future Cleanups: Saturday 10/20/2018 at 10 AM

 Saturday 11/10/2018 at 10 AM (Love Your Park Day)

Church Tour: Karen Belding arranged for a special tour of the Church of the Gesu, located at 18th & Stiles Streets, on Monday 10/1/2018 at 2:30 PM. The church which is closed to the public is being maintained by St. Joseph's Prep.

Dog Halloween Party: Saturday, 10/27/2018 at 11 AM is the date for the Howl-a-ween party for dogs. Jan Roberts, Stan Ordo and Grace Hanrahan volunteered to work on the plans. It was decided to have a dog parade, instead of a costume competition. Stan will work on a banner and flyer. Jan and Grace will handle dog treat bags and decorations.

Parks-on-Tap: There is no update on the amount of money we might receive from the 2018 Parks-on-Tap.

Website News: Added to our website are three new history articles: "What is Your Address?" by Sandy Owens and "The Granary" and "The Preston Retreat" by Joe Walsh. Check them out at: www.BaldwinParkPhilly.org.

Friends of Parks Network: Sandy Owens reported on the August meeting where the following topics were discussed:

- a) The Spotted Lanternfly, which destroys trees, especially those with smooth bark, has been attacking trees in Fairmount Park. More information can be found at this website: <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>. The hotline to report an insect sighting is: 866-253-7189.
- b) Parks & Recreation is promoting walking groups to use the city's five largest parks.
- c) Parks & Recreation is participating in a Public Space Summit at the Central Library on Saturday 10/27/2018 from 9 AM – 3 PM.
- d) For home owners, there will be a yard tree give-away program.
- e) There will be a bus tour of West Philadelphia Parks on Saturday 9/29/2018. Each park's Friends group can have up to three people on the tour. Contact Sandy Owens if interested.
- f) To lessen the need for recycling, tips to aim for zero waste were also distributed.

Park Maintenance: Jim Fennell sent emails about plantings and park signs to Parks & Recreation but did not receive a response. Our park sprinklers are causing puddling on the eastern end of the park near 19th Street.

19th & Hamilton Street Crosswalk Update: As there has been no progress on this, Jim Fennell contacted Drew Murray, LSNA President, to try to push City Council on the issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Submitted by Grace Hanrahan.