

Final Minutes for the Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park meeting of 12/1/16 at 7 PM at the Tivoli Community Room

Attendees: Bob Strunk, Hanna Zaruski, Andrew Zaruski, Joe Walsh, Mary Feingold, Sandy Owens, Jim Ruddick, Jan Roberts, Jim Fennell, Stan Ordo and Grace Hanrahan.

Jim Fennell conducted the meeting.

November meeting minutes were approved after the addition of Bob Strunk as an attendee.

Next park meeting: 1/5/17

Next park cleanup: 1/21/17

The Holiday Party at Frank & Mary Feingold's home was scheduled for Thursday 12/15/16 from 6 - 8 PM. Beth Shay, Grace Hanrahan and Mary Feingold met to plan the party.

In the invitation which was sent via email, members were asked to indicate if they planned to bring food in order to better plan the party.

A proposal was approved to authorize \$100 to help defray some expenses for the party.

Neighborhood News:

Jim Fennell reported that the North by Northwest development was ready to start landscaping. It was unclear if they will have a direct entrance to the park.

The development replacing the Children's Crisis Center will consist of a 4-story apartment building with storefronts on the first floor. Shamokin Street will have to be widened.

Maltepes, owner of the Franklin Beer Distributor, has given up on the plan to build a development on the parking lot because only 70% of the lot could be used.

Jim Fennell has submitted some of his photos of Baldwin Park to Google Maps and receives comments from people who have viewed them.

Joe Walsh suggested that we might set up a website for the park. Grace Hanrahan will check with the Friends of the Parks Network for suggestions on how we might to do this.

Sandy Owens reported that there is \$6,276.00 in the PNC Bank account as of 11/30/16.

Also, it looks like Baldwin Park may be on the list for the "Parks on Tap" program for 2017. This could be a fund raiser for the park as we could get a cut of the profits.

Hanna Zaruski asked if there is any chance of enforcing the park's non-smoking policy. Joe Walsh will ask his wife Colleen to bring this question up at the precinct meeting which she attends.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Submitted by Grace Hanrahan.