

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 2/1/2018 (7 - 8 PM) - Tivoli Community Room

Attendees (13): Sandra Owens, Jan Roberts, Joe Walsh, Joan Markoe, Karen and Mark Belding, Mel Seligsohn, Jim Fennell, Grace Hanrahan, Stan Ordo, Peg Szczurek, Bob Strunk and Marian Parkinson. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the 1/4/2018 meeting were summarized by Grace Hanrahan and approved with a typo correction.

Calendar: Next Meeting: Thursday March 1st at 7 PM

Park Cleanup: Saturday March 17th from 10 – 11 AM

Baldwin Park Website: Joe Walsh reported that the sub-committee had met to review the outline of the website and started creating content for each section. Joan Markoe agreed to check into Pay Pal for dues and donations, but it may not be worthwhile because we have only a few members. The consensus was to wait until we see how much interest there is in the website.

Parks Conservancy: Jim Fennell asked if we were interested in acting on Jim Ruddick's suggestion to join the Parks Conservancy as a Friends Park Group. The park would be eligible then to apply for grants. It was decided that we join the Conservancy and donate \$100 to the group.

Tree Inventory: Stan Ordo reported that the tree inventory which was done nine years ago needs to be updated as some trees no longer exist, while others are new. After the meeting, Stan demonstrated the Tree Inventory which is a Power Point presentation.

Tree Tenders: Peg Szczurek enjoyed taking the Tree Tenders class and plans to take the advanced class. Peg mentioned that local trees are being attacked by the Spotted Lantern Fly which is the size of a moth and has a red body. It lays its eggs on trees with smooth bark. Also, Peg is concerned that the water run-off problem caused by North by Northwest on the north side of the park is ruining the trees at root level. Jim Fennell has repeatedly complained to North by Northwest management and Parks and Recreation, but the problem has not been resolved. She suggested that we might get the renters from North by Northwest to complain as well.

Publicity for Park: Jim Fennell's photo of Baldwin Park will be part of a new art project dedicated to explaining examples of Philadelphia's 1% for Art Works. It will be in the SEPTA concourse near Macys.

Treasurer's Report: Joan Markoe reported that we have: \$8,645.46.

Drugs in Park: Peg Szczurek and Marian Parkinson reported that they are seeing more drug paraphernalia in the park which may indicate drug sales. They are concerned that dogs may be harmed by sniffing the drug debris.

Trash Clean-up: All Seasons is no longer the contractor for park trash clean-up. Parks and Recreation is now responsible for it.

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