

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 3/5/2026 (7 – 7:40 PM)

Attendees (12): Jim Fennell, Sandy Owens, Nancy van Arkel, Joan Markoe, Sherry Claypool, Peg Szczurek, Roz Franklin, Nora Shock, Barbara Shelly, Judy Johnson, Steve Denning, and Grace Hanrahan.

Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. The draft minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Joan Markoe submitted the February financial statement.

Bank Statement for Period 2/01/2026-2/28/2026

Beginning Balance	\$39,524.63	
Deposits	\$ 132.08	(from Dues & Donations)
Deductions	\$ 617.00	
Ending Balance	\$39,039.71	

Deductions

Deductions totaling \$617.00 were for Directors and Officers Insurance.

Membership: Roz Franklin and Joan Markoe announced that April 1st will be the beginning of the 2026 membership campaign. Look for a future email from Jim Fennell for details.

Calendar of Events:

Membership Drive Begins	Wednesday 4/1/26		See Fennell’s future email
April Meeting	Thursday 4/2/26	7 PM	Monthly Meeting
April Clean-up	Saturday 4/11/26	10 – 11 AM	Monthly Clean-up
May Meeting	Thursday 5/7/26	7 PM	Monthly Meeting
May Clean-Up	Saturday 5/9/26	10 – 11 AM	“Love Your Park” Clean-up

Bench Replacement: Jim Fennell contacted Parks & Recreation on the cost of replacing a bench that had been destroyed as we may have to finance the bench out of our own funds.

Parks-on--Tap: No news yet as to whether Baldwin Park will be hosting Parks-on-Tap this year. The decision is usually made in late March.

Movie Night: Joan Markoe asked if we heard anything about Movie Night, but Jim said it was too early.

March Clean-Up: Nancy van Arkel announced that this month's clean-up will focus on sweeping up the fallen sweet gum balls on the southeast side of the park and the weeding and trimming in the planting beds.

Snowfall: The leaning black pine tree in the park's central south side fell because of the heavy snowfall. It was removed by Parks & Recreation contractors. The Friends will be in touch with Parks & Recreation to find an appropriate replacement.

Website News: Take an interesting architectural tour of our Baldwin neighborhood with Joe Walsh's article, which points out the variety of architecture in the area, including Classical Roman Greek, Gothic, Italianate, Beaux Arts, Art Deco, and Brutalism. See the website: <https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/architecture-in-the-neighborhood>

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by Grace Hanrahan, Secretary.