

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Virtual Meeting Minutes: 8/5/2021 (7 – 7:40 PM)

Note: August Meeting was held both in-person and via a Zoom Session. No July meeting was held.

Attendees (17): In-Person (10): Carolyn Naaman, Joe Walsh, Jim Fennell, Sandra Owens, Beth Shay, Mary Feingold, Frank Feingold, Marion Parkinson, Peg Szczurek, and Jim Ruddick.

Zoom (7): Stan Ordo, Grace Hanrahan, Joan Markoe, Ed Boehner, Bob Strunk, Floyd Patton, and Jan Roberts. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the 6/3/2021 meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Joan Markoe reported the following information.

Bank Statement for Period Ending June 30, 2021

Beginning Balance	\$33,147.54	
Deposits	\$ 596.45	(All from dues.)
Deductions	\$ 118.19	
Ending Balance	\$33,625.80	

Deductions: Checks were to Grace Hanrahan - \$73.42 mortar materials and \$44.77 for park brochures.

Bank Statement for Period Ending July 30, 2021

Beginning Balance	\$33,625.80	
Deposits	\$ 58.60	(All from dues.)
Deductions	\$ 0.00	
Ending Balance	\$33,684.40	

We have approved \$3,720. for additional landscaping for the park which will be done later this summer.

Membership Report: Joan Markoe reported the status.

As of July 30, 2021, we have received the following for 2021-2022 membership.

Total Members	176
New Members	80
Dues Collected	\$11,585.

Park Plantings: Jim Fennell met with Jim Mako of Parks & Recreation and the contractor, All Seasons, to discuss plantings. The plan is to fill in bare spots in the beds. The approved plan which will cost \$3,720 includes: Plumbago, Geranium Rozanne, Blue Rug Juniper, Rudbeckia, Achillea, and Red and Yellow Sedum. Plantings will occur in late summer.

If you are wondering what a plant in the landscaping beds might be, you can find out on the website by going to Plants/Trees on the main menu on the home page or directly via <https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/plants-in-raised-beds>

Park Maintenance: Joe Walsh completed the installation of the tree identification tags. Through the QR code, visitors can find out more information on the tree. Joe Walsh repaired the broken sprinkler head, but it will need to be replaced in the fall. The sprinklers are scheduled to run every other night for 20

minutes per section. Recently planted grass is filling in nicely on the northeast side to cover the path leftover from construction. In the fall, grass will be planted on the northwest side to cover that path.

Trash is being picked up weekly on Mondays by the contractor. Joe Walsh has been adding extra trash bags for the overflow. Dog owners are asked to tie off the dog poop bags before throwing in the trash cans. Open bags are pungent and attract flies. It also is a sign of respect for the trash workers. So far, our previous rat problem seems to have disappeared. At the next park clean-up on August 14, please bring garden gloves and a screwdriver or other tool for uprooting the weeds as we will be doing some weeding. The Conservancy would like photos of those who received a Friend of Baldwin Park tee shirt via our grant. If you have one, please wear it to the August clean up and to Movie Night. The intent of the shirts is the marketing of the Friends group, so feel free to wear them everywhere!

Parkway Museum District Signs: Although we approved the cost of having Baldwin Park added to the signs along the parkway, Sandy Owens has not received a reply from the point of contact despite multiple attempts to reach her. Sandy will check with Dennis Bolyan of LSNA if there is a new contact.

Pollinator Garden: Sandy Owens contacted Mark Cartella, manager of Alterra Property (the old Granary), to suggest that they might plant a pollinator garden on the overgrown terrace area behind the old granary building. This is below street level but above the parking area. He seemed interested in the idea and planned to contact a landscaper.

Movie Night: Movie Night in Baldwin Park is Thursday August 26, starting at dusk (around 7:30), with a rain date of Friday, August 27. *A League of Their Own*, rated PG, with a run time of 128 minutes, will be shown. Laminated posters have been hung in the park. To publicize the movie, Joe Walsh will send notices to contacts about two weeks before the event.

Calendar of Future Planned Events:

August Park Clean-up	Saturday 8/14/2021	10 AM	Monthly Park clean-up
Movie Night	Thursday 8/26/2021	Dusk	“A League of Their Own”
September Meeting	Thursday 9/2/2021	7 PM	In-person or via Zoom
September Clean-up	Saturday 9/11/2021	10 AM	Monthly Park clean-up

Website News: Matthias Baldwin Park now has a Wikipedia page at:

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matthias_Baldwin_Park

Check out the two new history articles on the website:

July article. <https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/spring-garden-library>. Brewery, Carnegie library, college at the southwest corner of 17th and Spring Garden Streets.

August article. <https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/children-s-crisis-treatment-center>. Church, boiler shop, orphanage, and now...The Baldwin!

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. Minutes submitted by Grace Hanrahan.