

**Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 12/7/2017 7:00 – 8:00 PM - Tivoli Community Room**

**Attendees (16):** Joan Applegate, Stan Ordo, Mark & Karen Belding, Joan Markoe, Joe Walsh, Mel Seligsohn, Reda Akbil, Jan Roberts, Bob Strunk, Jennifer Hallgren, Peg Szezurek, Marian Parkinson, Sandra Owens, Jim Fennell, and Grace Hanrahan. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the 11/9/2017 meeting were summarized by Grace Hanrahan and approved.

**Calendar:** Next Meeting: Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

Park Cleanup: Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 11 AM

**Baldwin Park Website:** Jennifer Hallgren displayed the draft version of the website. It will consist of a single page which users can easily scroll through and view on a phone as well as a computer screen. The next step is for the subcommittee to decide on content for the menu items. Jim Fennell will supply photos of the park. It was suggested that shots of dogs and park clean-up days be included. Jennifer will send the live link to Jim Fennell. The web subcommittee will meet separately to outline topics to be included as content. Treasurer Joan Markoe suggested that Jim ask Jennifer to submit an invoice so that she can be reimbursed for her work so far.

**Stop Sign Status:** Bob Sutton informed Jim Fennell that our request for an All Stop Sign at 19th & Hamilton Streets was turned down based on a traffic survey taken in September 2017. Jim hopes that we can appeal this decision especially after numerous problems with trucks getting stuck at the intersection. At the very least, the crosswalk needs to have curb cuts and lines painted, although this may eliminate 3 parking spaces. Recently, a Wawa tractor trailer was stuck for over 2 hours causing the 33 Bus to be re-routed. Larger, lighted signs are needed to warn truck drivers of the length restriction. Jim will bring the issue up with Colleen Walsh of LSNA's Health & Safety Committee. It was suggested that we might resort to organizing a demonstration of people with walkers, wheelchairs, strollers and dogs to get action on this.

**Tree Tenders:** Peg Szezurek plans to attend the Tree Tenders class given by the Horticultural Society starting on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Peg reported that some trees have been vandalized in the park, as well as in the neighborhood.

**Doggie Bags:** Jan Roberts ordered more bags for the dispenser.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joan Markoe reported that we have: \$8,852.15.

**Bridge Construction:** The 22nd Street bridge may be finished by the end of the year and the 18th Street bridge will be done by April.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by Grace Hanrahan.