

## **Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 4/5/2018 (7 – 8:05 PM) - Tivoli Community Room**

**Attendees (15):** Sandra Owens, James Fennell, Joan Markoe, Bob Strunk, Paul Shay, Joe Walsh, Jim Ruddick, Grace Hanrahan, Andrew Zareski, Mary and Frank Feingold, Mel Seligsohn, Peg Szczurek, Marion Parkinson, and Jan Roberts. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the 3/1/2018 meeting were approved.

**Parks on Tap:** Jim Fennell announced that we formally accepted the offer to host Parks on Tap from June 6 – 10. Currently, there is about \$4,000 available from Parks & Recreation from last year's Park on Tap, which we plan to use on park signs in the future.

**Maintenance Contract:** Parks & Recreation was still waiting for a signed maintenance contract which is why there has been a delay in the annual park spring clean-up.

**Memberships:** April is the month to pay annual membership dues. Jim Fennell sent form to current members. Joan Markoe suggested that we might get permission to send it to Tivoli residents.

**Website News:** Joe Walsh announced that the website is now at: [www.BaldwinParkPhilly.org](http://www.BaldwinParkPhilly.org)

A QR Code, which when scanned sends a person directly to the website, was set up. Joe reported that the best practices recommended by Parks & Recreation have been implemented in the website.

**19th & Hamilton Street STOP Sign Update:** The Traffic Department has denied our request for a STOP sign, but they are supportive of adding a crosswalk and pedestrian crossing signs. Jim Fennell suggested that we might give a presentation at a future LSNA meeting to obtain their support.

**Neighborhood News:** A developer is planning to build a 125' high, 33 dwelling unit condominium at 2100 Hamilton Street behind the Rodin Museum. No variance is needed. They plan to leave the rail line area open. Mel Seligsohn reported that progress is being made in developing plans for the Rail Park.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joan Markoe that we currently have: \$7,320.61, after paying Jennifer Hallgren for work on website development. Paul Shay reported that he filed our 2017 taxes.

**Tivoli Picnic in the Park:** No one objected to the Tivoli Social Committee's plans for a picnic in the park, possibly on May 18th from 5 – 7 PM.

**Sidewalk Trees:** Peg Szczurek suggested that we apply to Tree Tenders in early May for a November planting to replace the three dead trees on the 19th Street sidewalk by the park's entrance.

**Other Neighborhood News:** Plans for a hotel in the former Family Court Building have been cancelled because of changes to the Historic Tax Credit rules.

**Doggie Bags:** Jan Roberts received approval to purchase additional doggie bags for the dispenser.

**Park Brochure:** Grace Hanrahan volunteered to revise the brochure, adding the QR code and website.

**Calendar:** Next Meetings: Thursday May 3rd and June 7th at 7 PM

Park Cleanups: April 14th, May 12th, and June 2nd at 10 AM

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. Submitted by Grace Hanrahan.