

## Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 6/5/2025 (7 – 8 PM)

**Attendees (12):** Jim Fennell, Sandy Owens, Bob Strunk, Joan Markoe, Bernie Mason, Jane Mason, Mary Feingold, Frank Feingold, Peg Szczurek, Judy Johnson, Steve Denning, and Grace Hanrahan.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Joan Markoe reported the May financial statement.

### PNC Bank Statement for Period 05/01/2025-05/30/2025

Beginning Balance	\$42,455.31	
Deposits	\$ 2,042.81	(all from dues and donations)
Deductions	\$ 105.67	
Ending Balance	\$44,392.45	

### **Deductions**

Deductions: \$81.30 for Parks on Tap flyers/posters and \$24.37 for Rose Tone fertilizer.

**Membership:** The 2025 membership drive started in early April. This year we started using an automated system, Give Lively, which eliminates back-end manual processing and paperwork connected with memberships. So far, members have adjusted easily to this new method. Give Lively will accept, credit cards, PayPal, and Venmo. **Personal checks and cash will no longer be accepted.** So far, we have 101 members contributing about \$7,485 in membership fees and donations. This is slightly less than last year's total of 111 memberships

If you would like to make a donation from your **Individual Retirement Account (IRA)** or from your **Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)**, please contact [baldwinparkmembership@gmail.com](mailto:baldwinparkmembership@gmail.com), and we will let you know how to send that donation.

### **Calendar of Events:**

June Clean-up	Saturday 6/14/25	10 - 11 AM	Monthly Park Clean-up
July Meeting	<b>CANCELLED</b>		
July Clean-up	Saturday 7/12/25	10 - 11 AM	Monthly Park Clean-up
August Meeting	Thursday 8/7/25	7 PM	Monthly Meeting
August Clean-up	Saturday 8/9/25	10 - 11 AM	Monthly Park Clean-up

**Movie Night:** Movie Night has been a very popular event. Because of limited budget, Parks & Recreation turned down our request for a free movie night. Although it will cost us \$1,200 - \$1,300, it was decided that the Friends would fund movie night. Joan Markoe and Joe Walsh volunteered to oversee the event. Movie night will be scheduled in mid-July. We must provide Parks & Recreation with three proposed dates and three movies from the list of movies available. Joan asked the attendees to propose possible movies from the available list.

**Park Maintenance:** The contractor Green Estates was called to fix a problem with the timer on a sprinkler which caused excess water. Please step on any Spotted Lantern Flies that have re-appeared in the park to help wipe out these insects.

**Little Library:** Peg Szczurek announced that the Little Library needs books of all types: fiction, non-fiction, cooking, hobbies, and especially, children's literature. Do not place the donated books directly in the library, as they must be stamped. Instead, drop them off at her apartment #304 in the Tivoli or in the Tivoli lobby.

**Parks-on-Tap:** We had a very successful Parks-on-Tap this year which ran from Wednesday 5/14 – Sunday 5/18, with only one rainy night. For more details and the schedule for Parks-on-Tap, check out the website:

<https://www.parksontap.com/>

**Website News:** Here is Joe Walsh's latest history article on the Rose Tattoo restaurant:

<https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/the-rose-tattoo>

The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Minutes submitted by Grace Hanrahan.