

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 7/11/2019 (7 – 8 PM) - Tivoli Community Room

Attendees (13): Sandra Owens, Marian Parkinsen, Jim Fennell, Peg Szczurek, Bob Strunk, Joan Markoe, Eve Adler, Andrew Zaruski, Stan Ordo, Jan Roberts, Joan and Jeff Applegate, and Grace Hanrahan. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the 6/6/2019 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Joan Markoe reported the current treasury total is \$17,345.84. We received \$584.76 for past expenses from the 2017 Parks on Tap Reimbursement Grant. The total outgoing expenses was \$235.89, which included the Movie Night Permit, Parks-on-Tap flyers, the Baldwin Birthday Banner, and a brochure holder.

Mural Arts: There is no update on the date for the mural installation.

Movie Night: The movie, *Hugo*, will be shown on Thursday, August 29th at 7:30 PM. Parks & Recreation will take care of the set-up and clean-up. As Joe Walsh will be away on the rain date September 5th, Peg Szczurek volunteered to be a backup point of contact.

Park Maintenance: Jim Fennell met with Jim Makoe and the contractor, All Seasons, regarding our contribution of \$6,000 for plants for a fall park planting. They will fill in many of the blank areas with a mixture of plants of different colors. Two types of grasses will be planted in the wet areas. The proposed plan for the plants was approved. In addition, Parks & Recreation may aerate the soil and re-seed the grass.

Pedestrian Crosswalk Status: Four parking spots and meters were removed, but the painted stripes will be coming later to the corner of 19th & Hamilton Streets. As the new "No Parking" signs are not obvious, Jim added orange parking cones to make people aware of the change.

Sprinklers: Jim Fennell asked that the sprinklers be continued on the grass.

Projects Canceled: After further study, Joe Walsh determined that the proposed idea to set up compost station was not feasible. The plans for an Adopt-a-Pet Event in the park was canceled when another site was selected for the event.

Tree Identification: Joe Walsh has been working on updating the tree inventory. He plans to place it on the website's photo gallery and may add an audio narrated tour.

Web Site News: Joe Walsh has posted photos taken during the park events and old minutes from Seamus Kearney. The website hit a peak of 962 sessions in June. Most were the result of posts on Next Door Neighbor for Parks-on-Tap. Check out the recent articles by Joe Walsh on "The Hoopes Mansion", located at 18th & Spring Garden, and "*Hugo* and Baldwin Park", about the many connections between the movie and the park, at the park's website: <https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/history>

Baldwin Birthday Banner: Sandy Owens displayed the birthday banner, which will be used for other events such as Parks on Tap, Movie Night and Howl-o-Ween. It was designed so that his age can be updated with stickers for the next 10 years. It cost about \$135.

Park Maintenance: Some dead trees were taken down and others pruned just before Parks-on-Tap. We now have a key to the gate for the locked area on the southern side of the park. Sandy Owens is interested in setting up a butterfly garden in the area. Stan Ordo volunteered to investigate getting a storage locker for tools. The park was sprayed with pesticide early in July.

Calendar:

Cleanups:	Saturday 7/20/2019 at 10 AM
	Saturday 8/24/2019 at 10 AM
August Meeting:	Thursday 8/1/2019 at 7 PM
Movie Night:	Thursday 8/29/2019 at 7:30 PM – Movie: “Hugo”
	(Rain Date: Thursday 9/5/2019 at 7:30 PM)

Butterfly Garden: Sandy Owens is researching seeds for milkweed plants which provide nectar for the adults and host butterfly larvae.

Doggie Bags: Because of concerns of the expense, Joan Markoe contacted Parks & Recreation on controlling and funding the use of the doggie bags but did not receive any feasible suggestions. As Tivoli has added four dog bag dispensers, our dog bag use should decrease. Stan Ordo volunteered to follow up on Marian Parkinsen’s suggestion that we add an inexpensive plastic dispenser which can be filled with recycled plastic bags. These are used in many dog parks.

Neighborhood News: The Friends of Rail Park, Mural Arts and the American Composers Forum are sponsoring the building of a Zen Garden at the 18th Street railroad cut. The Rose Tattoo Restaurant is under new ownership and applying for a liquor license.

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