

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 7/5/2018 (7 – 8:10 PM) - Tivoli Community Room

Attendees (13): Sandra Owens, Mark & Karen Belding, Joan Markoe, Marion Parkinson, Peg Szczurek, Jim Fennell, Joe Walsh, Jan Roberts, Joan Applegate, Joan Possiel, Stan Ordo and Grace Hanrahan. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the 6/7/2018 meeting were approved.

Update on Park's Water Problems: The good news is that the park's sprinklers are working. The problem with the sprinkler heads was fixed. Also, the North-X-Northwest's irrigation system is no longer causing puddling on the park's northern tier.

19th & Hamilton Street Crosswalk Update: There is no news to report. Corey Bell, an assistant to Darrell Clarke, is the point of contact at City Council.

2017 Parks on Tap Reinvestment Grant: Although we planned to use the 2017 Parks on Tap money to purchase large park signs, this project has been delayed while Parks & Recreation comes up with a design for park signs. An executive committee met to discuss which recent expenditures might be eligible for reimbursement. Although we had missed a recent deadline, Joan Markoe was successful in getting the deadline extended. As a result, Joan submitted expenses of about \$2,000 which were approved as follows: brochures and posters - \$265; web development and maintenance - \$1,356; and dog waste bags - \$417. Kudos to Joan Markoe as her persistence paid off in our getting this reimbursement.

Treasurer's Report: Joan Markoe reported that we have \$8,700.33, as of the end of June.

Park Signs: Jim Fennell will contact Parks & Recreation on the estimated cost of park signs.

Park Flora: Jim Fennell spoke with Jim Makoe of Parks & Recreation on their plans for the park. There is a ballpark estimate of \$20K to replace the planting beds. We might be able to offer \$3K - \$4K to help defray the cost. Parks & Recreation plans to re-sod the grass, at least in the trodden areas.

Rail Park: The Rail Park recently opened. Joan Markoe is investigating a possible special tour for Friends of Baldwin Park members in the fall. The tour would start at the Rodin Museum and last 1.5 hours. It may cost about \$25.

Membership Report: Joan Markoe reported that we received \$1,590 in dues, which is an increase from the \$825 received last year. In 2018, we received 28 membership forms representing 47 members. This represents an increase in membership. In 2017, there were 18 membership forms representing 28 members.

Calendar: Next Meeting: Thursday September 6th at 7 PM (No August meeting.)

Park Cleanup: Saturday August 18th at 10 AM

Dog Halloween Party: We hope to have a Howl-a-ween party for dogs in late October. Jan Roberts and Grace Hanrahan volunteered to work on the plans.

Website News: Added to our website are two new history articles: "The Hangman Comes to Town" by Sandy Owens and "The Callowhill Cut" by Joe Walsh. Check them out at: www.BaldwinParkPhilly.org.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. Submitted by Grace Hanrahan.