

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 6/4/2026 (7 – 7:45 PM)

Attendees (14): Jim Fennell, Nancy van Arkel, Roslyn Franklin, Joan Markoe, Marc Kaufman, Rachel Smith, Jan Roberts, Sherry Claypool, Judy Johnson, Stephen Denning, Sandra Owens, Mary Feingold, Frank Feingold, and Grace Hanrahan.

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

Calendar of Events:

June Clean-up	Saturday 6/13/26	10 – 11 AM	Monthly Clean-up
July Meeting	CANCELLED		Fourth of July Holiday
July Clean-up	Saturday 7/11/26	10 – 11 AM	Monthly Clean-up
August Meeting	Thursday 8/6/26	7 PM	Monthly meeting
August Clean-up	Saturday 8/8/26	10 – 11 AM	Monthly Clean-up

Treasurer Transition: As she is moving to the suburbs, Joan Markoe resigned as Treasurer. Jim Fennell thanked Joan for her almost ten years of service. Rachel Smith volunteered to take on the job of Treasurer and Roslyn Franklin will serve as her assistant. Earlier in the day, they went to PNC Bank for the transfer of the bank account responsibilities.

Treasurer's Monthly Report: Joan Markoe reported for the month of May.

PNC Bank Statement for Period 05/01/2026-05/29/2026

Beginning Balance	\$44,552.36
Deposits	\$ 3,412.68
Deductions	\$ 90.63
Ending Balance	\$47,874.41

Deposits

Deposits totaling \$3,412.68 were all for dues and donations, including one for \$3,000. This Memoriam donation was from an anonymous donor to be used for planting of trees and shrubs.

Deduction of \$90.63 was for purchase of a crape myrtle tree.

Submitted by: Joan Markoe, Treasurer

Park Clean-up: Nancy van Arkel announced that the focus for June’s monthly clean-up is to remove excess Boneset plants, which although native can become invasive. The Boneset is a historical medicinal herbal plant used for fevers.

Membership Drive: Roslyn Franklin reported that the drive, which started on April 1st, was off to a good start with 78 members so far. Here is the comparison to the last fiscal year.

Fiscal Year	Date	Members	Memberships & Donations
2025	3/31/26	102	About \$9,000
2026	4/30/26	78	About \$8,500

Note: You can join through “Give Lively” by clicking on this link:

<https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/join>

Park Maintenance: Jim Fennell has not yet received a response from Parks & Recreation on a replacement for a damaged bench or on our suggestion to use bollards on the southeast corner of the park instead of the temporary fencing.

Website News: Read Joe Walsh’s recent article about imagined additional historical markers for the Baldwin Park neighborhood. You may be surprised by how many historical markers could be placed in our neighborhood.

<https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/historical-markers-near-baldwin-park>

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by Grace Hanrahan, Secretary.