

Minutes for Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park meeting of 11/3/16 at Tivoli Community Room 7 PM.

Attendees: Joe Walsh, Frank Feingold, Mary Feingold, Sandy Owens, Jim Fennell, Mel Seligsohn, Bob Strunk, Stan Ordo and Grace Hanrahan.

Jim Fennell conducted the meeting.

September meeting minutes were approved.

Next park meeting: 12/1/16

Next park cleanup: 12/17/16

Sandy Owens reported on the Friends of the Park Network Meeting of 9/14/16. Some of the activities may not be for our park, such as "Hands across the Park" for the Philadelphia Marathon and Summer Movie Nights.

However, the "Parks on Tap" program may be viable for our park. Sandy attended a few of them and is in the process of getting more information from the key person who is currently on maternity leave.

"Parks on Tap" spends several days at one park per week. Everything is taken care of by Parks & Recreation. They come with three vans: Bathroom on Wheels, a Food Caravan (mainly finger food and snacks) and a Bar with beer, wine and soda. We would aim to host it in June 2017.

Another activity of interest may be the bus tour of Philadelphia parks which is scheduled for fall 2017.

Sandy also attended the Park Communication Workshop which emphasized the importance of the Park Friends in publicizing their activities.

Sandy Owens reported that there is \$6,726.00 in the PNC Bank account.

Mary and Frank Feingold offered to host a holiday happy hour for the friends of the park. Mary will work with Beth Shay and Grace Hanrahan on the preparations.

Neighborhood News:

The bridge construction is going well with 19th & 20th Street being completed by the end of the year. Work will start on 21st & 22nd Streets but those streets will remain open to traffic. 18th Street work will begin in June 2017.

The railroad viaduct underpass is being cleaned out because of a rat problem.

The Pearl Brothers are hoping to develop the Granary building commercially especially after Target opens.

The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Submitted by Grace Hanrahan.