

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 10/4/2018 (7 – 8:00 PM) - Tivoli Community Room

Attendees (12): Sandra Owens, Bob Strunk, Jan Roberts, Jim Fennell, Joe Walsh, Joan Markoe, Joan Applegate, Stan Ordo, Jim Ruddick, Grace Hanrahan, Aaron Dimick, and Beth Shay. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the 9/6/2018 meeting were approved.

Dog Howl-o-Ween Party: Saturday, 10/27/2018 at 11 AM is the date for the Howl-o-Ween party for dogs. The rain date is Sunday, 10/28 It will be a dog parade, instead of a costume competition. Stan Ordo showed the flyer and will finish the banner. Jan Roberts and Grace Hanrahan are planning 50 dog treat bags, as well as cider and cookies for the owners. Joe Walsh will pick up two card tables for the treats. Halloween decorations will be set up as background for the for the photos. A budget of \$100 was approved for expenses.

Approved Expenditures: Joan Applegate’s proposal was approved that we purchase river stones to replenish the pebbles that have been washed away near the monoliths. Stan Ordo volunteered to look for them at Home Depot. Bob Strunk’s suggestion that we buy 5 new grabber tools for picking up litter and cigarette butts was also approved. Bob will check if they are available locally at Fairmount’s Ace Hardware.

Litter Pickup: Joe Walsh has registered for picking up litter through the organization, “Not in Philly”. Residents can sign up to clean up a specific block at the website: www.notinphilly.org

“Love Your Park Day”: Jim Fennell registered the park to be part of the city-wide “Love Your Park” clean-up scheduled for Saturday 11/10/18, but did not request tools or extra volunteers.

19th & Hamilton Street Crosswalk Update: Two pedestrian crossing signs were installed on the south side of the intersection of 19th & Hamilton Streets. However, there is no schedule yet for painting the white crosswalk stripes or removal of parking spaces.

Public Spaces Summit: Sandy Owens will attend this meeting on Saturday 10/27/18 from 9 AM – 3 PM at the Free Library. It is being sponsored by Fairmount Parks, the Fairmount Conservancy, Parks & Recreation, the Free Library, and the Knight Foundation.

Parks-on-Tap: There is no update on the amount of money we might receive from the 2018 Parks-on-Tap

Calendar:	Park Cleanup:	Saturday 10/20/2018 at 10 AM
	Howl-o-Ween Dog Party:	Saturday 10/27/18 at 11 AM (Rain date: 10/28/18)
	Next Meeting:	Thursday 11/1/2018 at 7 PM
	Future Cleanup:	Saturday 11/10/2018 at 10 AM (Love Your Park Day)

Litter Pickup Caution: Bob Strunk reported that the LSNA Health & Safety Officer suggested the use of grabber tools when picking up litter to avoid the possible danger of contact with fentanyl.

Website News: Added to our website are two new history articles: “The Preston Retreat” and “Spring Garden Towers/PCOM” by Joe Walsh. Check them out at: www.BaldwinParkPhilly.org.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Submitted by Grace Hanrahan.