

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 6/6/2024 (7 – 8 PM)

Attendees (8): Jim Fennell, Sandy Owens, Joan Markoe, Suzanne Cross, Roz Franklin, Deb Schweon, Suanne Wright, and Grace Hanrahan.
Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. The draft minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Movie Night: “Back to the Future” is scheduled for Wednesday 8/14 with a rain date of Thursday 8/15. For the full list of free park movies, go to:
https://myphillypark.org/movies-in-philly-parks-summer-fall/?mc_cid=32024c2a9d&mc_eid=15dddce237

Calendar of Events:

July Meeting	CANCELLED due to July 4 th Holiday		
July Clean-up	Saturday 7/13/2024	10 – 11 AM	Monthly Clean-up
August Meeting	Thursday 8/1/2024	7 PM	Monthly Meeting
Parks-on-Tap	Wed 8/7 – Fri 8/9	4 – 10 PM	Benefits Parks & Recreation
	Sat 8/10 – Sun 8/11	12 – 10 PM	
August Clean-up	Saturday 8/10/2024	10 – 11 AM	Monthly Clean-up
Movie Night	Wednesday 8/14	Dusk	“Back to the Future”
	Rain Date: 8/15		

Parks-on-Tap: This program is partnership between Parks & Recreation and FCM Hospitality which provides the food and drink. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the parks.
The dates are: **Wednesday 8/7 – Sunday 8/11**
For more details, check out the website: <https://www.parksontap.com/>

Treasurer’s Report: Joan Markoe presented the monthly Treasurer’s report for May.

PNC Bank Statement for Period 05/01/2024-05/31/2024

Beginning Balance	\$40,431.43	
Deposits	\$ 563.10	(From dues & donations)
Deductions	\$ 40.74	(For Parks-on-Tap flyers & posters)
Ending Balance	\$40,953.79	

Significant transaction after close of May statement

A \$7,000.00 deposit was made after the May statement closed. This was reimbursement from Fairmount Park Conservancy toward the \$8,502.50 deposit we paid for two new park signs. Reimbursement was capped at the amount of our Parks on Tap credits (\$7,000.00), which included credits already accrued for past events, plus the credit for the POT event we'll be hosting in August. Another \$8,502.50 will become due when the signs are completed.

Little Library: Suzanne Cross thanked the Free Library’s Used Bookstore for children’s book donations. More children’s books are needed. They can be dropped off in the Tivoli lobby.

Membership Drive: Since the membership drive began on April 1st, Roz Franklin reported that we currently have 90 members (81 renewals and 9 new members).

The 9 new members have contributed \$550.

The 81 renewing members have contributed \$6,250.

The total collected is \$6,800.

Park Signs: Jim Fennell reported that we paid a 50% deposit for the new park signs. Because the website name may change over time, neither the Baldwin website nor its QR code can be included on the sign. The signs will be erected in June.

Park Friends Network Meeting: Joan Markoe plans to attend a zoom call on fundraising which is being held on June 12th by the Fairmount Park Conservancy for the Parks Friends Network.

Park Maintenance: Nancy van Arkel and Jim Fennell will talk to the contractor, All Seasons, about their requests for perennial plants which will be funded by Parks & Recreation.

Parkway Signs: Sandy Owens reported progress on our request to have Baldwin Park added to the signs on the Parkway. The signs are now the responsibility of the Center City District. The proposed cost of the signs is \$400 initially, with an annual maintenance cost of \$100. These are the directional signs for pedestrians on street posts which point to site locations. The two signs, with Baldwin Park listed on both the front and back of the signs, would be located at:

- 1) 19th & Vine Streets on the northside by the Free Library
- 2) 19th & Callowhill Streets on the southwest corner

The signs will be useful especially in 2026 as Philadelphia celebrates 250 years of freedom.

Website News: As we celebrate July 4th, check out the military history in our neighborhood which Joe Walsh documented on our website:

<https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/military-in-the-neighborhood-1>

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Grace Hanrahan.