

**Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 2/1/2024 (7 – 7:35 PM)**

**Attendees (8):** Jim Fennell, Bob Strunk, Sandy Owens, Jan Roberts, Sherry Claypool, Roz Franklin, Suzanne Cross, and Grace Hanrahan.

Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

**Calendar of Events:**

February Clean-up	Saturday 2/10/2024	10 AM	Monthly Clean-up
March Meeting	Thursday 3/7/2024	7 PM	Monthly Meeting
March Clean-up	Saturday 3/9/2024	10 AM	Monthly Clean

**Treasurer’s Report:** In Joan Markoe’s absence, Grace Hanrahan read her monthly Treasurer’s report:

**PNC Bank Statement for Period 1/01/2024-1/31/2024**

Beginning Balance	\$43,721.97
Deposits	\$ 0.00
Deductions	\$ 595.00
Ending Balance	\$43,126.97

**Deductions**

Deductions totaling \$595.00 were for the annual premium for Directors and Officers Insurance from The Hartford.

**Park Signs:** Jim Fennell, Nancy van Arkel, Sandy Owens, and Sherry Claypool did a walk-around in the park to identify four possible locations for our park signs. Sherry Claypool reported the four proposed locations:

- 1) Northwest Entrance on opposite side of the path of the Little Library
- 2) Northeast Entrance which currently has no sign
- 3) Southeast Entrance
- 4) Southwest Entrance

Parks and Recreations will check these locations for obstructions and possible underground pipes and electric lines.

**Friends od Matthias Baldwin Park:** Jim Fennell announced that Parks & Recreation has notified us that our application for official Friends Group status has been renewed for 2024.

**Park Maintenance:** An arborist re-evaluated a white pine and black pine tree which are leaning and decided that they could remain. We are waiting for a final decision from Parks and Recreation. If they agree, the tree identification tags, which had been removed, will be re-installed on the two trees. There is no update on the two park lights which are out.

**Clean-up Banner:** Stan Ordo has requested that money be allocated for a new clean-up banner as the old worn banner is frayed beyond repair. Instead of a homemade banner, he asked for a professionally made banner, which would be like the Baldwin Birthday banner. It might include the Baldwin locomotive logo and QR code for the website. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Website News:**

For more information about Matthias Baldwin Park, the history of the park and the surrounding neighborhood, visit our website:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Minutes submitted by Grace Hanrahan.