

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2018



**Meeting commenced: 6:30pm Loutit Library**

**President's Comments: Mike Mazurek**

Mike thanked Bob Moore and Becky Newman for attending the State of Michigan DNR Friends Summit in March. He also thanked Dave Brinks for his work on getting the Bike Repair Station.

**February meeting minutes were approved.**

**Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek**

There were no deposits since February.

Expenses of \$10,000.00 since February: Payment to the State of Michigan for the FGHSP portion of approved matching partnership programs.

Current cash in the bank = \$26,362.79. There is an outstanding invoice from Brian Cryst comprising of \$63.80 for the FGHSP domain name renewal and \$180.00 for the web hosting services. There is also an outstanding invoice for the dumpster needed for removal of the old camp shed in the amount of \$350.00

**Old Business:**

**Highlights of Friends Summit in March**

Becky showed the group the display board created for the FGHSP's table which reflected the efforts and results of the new playground installed in the campground area of the Grand Haven State Park in 2017. New FGHSP brochures were also made available and shared at the meeting.

The State of Michigan DNR shared planning initiatives for the 100-year anniversary celebration of Michigan State Parks which occurs in 2019. Bob suggested that the FGHSP create a video that would include music and story-telling around the camp fire and interviews of beach-goers experiences in the park.

The State of Michigan DNR also shared their new website.

The State of Michigan DNR Partnership Match program is now receiving more requests for funding than monies available to fund them all.

Different groups shared fund-raising initiatives including providing Laundry Services in the Park. The FGHSP members discussed this possibility given the new facilities that are being built in Grand Haven State Park.

Bob suggested the FGHSP investigate AMCONIC for additional volunteers.

A presentation was given on the topic of "boost your post" for Facebook sites.

### **Status of Matching Funds Partnership Program Submission: Mike Mazurek**

The FGHSP were awarded both partnership match submissions:

- 1) Additional playground amenities: Matt Shaver is waiting on the release of funds. Each component of the purchase over \$2500.00 requires 3 bids. The benches, swings and bike racks can be ordered once the funds are available.
- 2) Concrete work: The pad for the new Camp Host shed will be poured when the weather allows.

### **Update on Park improvements: Matt Shaver**

- 1) The last 2 bike racks for the day use area have been installed in the Pavilion area.
- 2) High water levels are delaying the work on the pier.
- 3) Matt asked the group to consider funding the extension of 2 additional campsites in 2018. A motion to fund 2 campsite extensions for a total amount of \$2450 was offered and seconded. The motion was approved 6 -1. Mike Mazurek will contact the concrete contractor.

### **Budget: Mike Mazurek**

Mike passed out the 2018 proposed budget. There will be a \$0.90 increase in cost per bundle to secure Kiln dried/chunk wood versus the slab wood from our current vendor. The group elected to go with the new bundles and keep the selling price at \$6.00 per bundle.

It was motioned and seconded to approve the 2018 budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Kite Festival: May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**

This will be the 30<sup>th</sup> and last year for the Kite Festival at the Grand Haven State Park. Becky Newman will send out the volunteer schedule for the FGHSP table at the event.

### **New Business:**

#### **Vending: Mike Mazurek**

Mike Mazurek has contacted Coca-Cola to renew our contract. The park opens May 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Can Collection: Bob Moore**

Due to the new recycling initiative in the park, we may have more volunteers to help with the collection and sorting of returnable bottles and cans. The FGHSP will still need to redeem them at local retailers.

#### **Programs in the Park: Becky Newman**

Becky suggested that current funds be used for more presentations and programs in the park. Ideas generated included:

- 1) Birds of Prey encore event
- 2) Confederate Gold presentation

- 3) Music in the park
- 4) Contacting Elyssa Buck for programming ideas

**Other Funding initiatives: Becky Newman**

Becky asked the group to revisit two past ideas for consideration:

- 1) Bringing Wi-Fi into the park. This may be on the State's longer-term docket for Grand Haven State Park. The group elected not to pursue it at this time.
- 2) Lockers in the Pavilion. The group is still interested in providing this amenity. Bob Moore volunteered to investigate options and pricing.

**Next Meeting: May 14, 2018 at 6:30pm, location: Loutit Library**

**Becky Newman will send minutes to board members for approval before posting on the website.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.**