

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2018



Meeting commenced: 6:30pm Grand Haven State Park

President's Comments: Mike Mazurek

Mike welcomed Gregg Henry of GH Beach Cabanas. Gregg was added to the agenda to discuss 2019 business offerings.

July meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

There were deposits of \$9,131.86 since July. This included revenue from wood, cans, fire pit sales, Coke sales, can deposits, bench donation, dues and pole donations.

The FGHSP incurred expenses of \$3,457.42 since July. This was for 8 fire pits, Insurance, wood bundles, concert payment and bike repair station.

Current cash in the bank = \$23,260.35. The \$597.00 for the bike repair station has not cleared yet. We have \$5.00 in savings.

Beach Store: Bob Moore introduction of Gregg Henry

Gregg has been running a cabana rental service at Grand Haven State Park all summer. Based on observations and request from beach goers, Gregg feels there is potential for an expanded offering of beach amenities via a retail store in the Pavilion. He is willing to work with the Friends of Grand Haven State Park (concessionaire rights) and the Grand Haven State Park to operate a store that would offer beach necessities, beach toys, beach furniture and equipment/ball rentals, delivery services and possible beverage and packaged snacks.

Although the friends group was very enthusiastic about this idea, we need clarification from Grand Haven State Park and the State of Michigan DNR regarding the Pavilion renovation schedule and the extent of the Friends of Grand Haven State Parks' concession rights. Both parties agreed to engage the park staff in discussions to bring this idea to fruition.

Old Business:

Update from Pat Whalen via email to Mike Mazurek

The matched programs from the State of Michigan DNR are slated to be Fall 2018 projects (post Labor Day). The hope is to pour all the concrete at the same time to save on costs.

The Friends of Grand Haven State Park need to decide on a tree species.

Interviews have been held to fill the vacant Ranger position. The park anticipates another Ranger vacancy and hopes to fill that opening from the same pool of interviewed candidates.

Paper work has been filed to fill the Supervisor position in the park.

The channel restroom building project should be completed this fall.

Roof repair on the Pavilion may begin this October.

The park is asking the Friends of Grand Haven State Park to pay for the monthly service required to re-install the emergency telephone on the beach. They are also asking for funds for a second emergency phone. In discussing this need the group also decided to investigate acquiring WIFI for the park. Bob Moore volunteered to talk to Grand Haven City Manager Pat McGinnis about how the City of Grand Haven's WIFI service works and whether there is an avenue to extend that to cover the park.

Mike Mazurek will reach out to Pat Whalen and Lansing DNR personnel with regards to required surfaces for installing the swing sets funded by one of the matching grant programs. It has come to the groups attention that other State Parks have sand surfaces for similar installations.

Programs Update: Mike Mazurek

- 1) Birds of Prey: confirmed for Wednesday, August 29th at 7:00pm at the Pavilion. Mike Mazurek will bring water and the FGHSP flag. FGHSP members are asked to wear their logo t-shirts. Logo t-shirts will be for sale during the event.
- 2) Dave Palmer & his Only Friends: approximately 100 people attended the concert over the course of the evening. It was considered a successful event and something the friends group would do again. Some considerations for a concert during the 2019 summer season included:
 - a. Setting up closer to the campground
 - b. Adding a children's music component
 - c. Booking a group with broad musical appeal
 - d. Limiting the concert to 1.5 hours
 - e. Decide the date and band early in the Spring to be included in the Grand Haven Tribune Summer Concert Series calendar

New Business:

There needs to be a greater presence of Grand Haven State Park personnel in the day use/Pavilion area of the park during the day to deal with security issues and public questions/concerns/needs.

The FGHSP are asking again that there be a recycle bin and a trash bin placed next to each of our 8 returnable can collection bins.

Next Meeting: September 10, 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 7:47pm.