

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2016



Meeting commenced: 6:40pm Pavilion at Grand Haven State Park

President's Comments: Mike Mazurek

Mike thanked all the FGHP members who volunteered at the Coast Guard Festival Craft Fair sponsored by the Grand Haven Chamber of Commerce.

July meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

Current cash in the bank = \$30,373.30

Deposits since July = \$13,645.99

- \$7,000 grant from the Youth Advisory Council
- \$580.00 from Biggby sales at Soccer in the Sand
- \$3,860.73 from Coca Cola vending
- \$421.96 from AD Bos vending
- Remainder in wood/tub sales and can returns

Expenses since July = \$1,063.05

- Purchased 23 tubs
- \$53.77 Sales tax plus \$20.00 filing fee
- \$412.13 Home Light program expenses reimbursement
- \$100.00 donation to the Tri-Cities Historical Museum plus \$15.00 screen rental fee
- Home Depot trash bags for can collection
- \$50.00 gift card for Camp Hosts (2 stints)

Coke reports high credit card usage on their machines. Delivery/restocking takes place on Mondays and Thursdays.

The Home Light presentation was very well attended with an estimated 100 people including 12 children participating in the craft activity. Karen Casey reported that the Museum staff was very happy with the turnout and the feedback from participants. There were no State Park/DNR staff members present for the duration of the event.

The Home Light event was very good exposure for the FGHP!

In an effort to expand our reach in the community, Mike Mazurek communicated that as a non-profit group, the FGHP could participate in the Coast Guard Festival parade at no charge. We decided to make this an agenda topic for one of the winter meetings.

Old Business:

Bike Racks/ Playground Installation: Mike Mazurek

The two pieces of playground equipment are to be installed in the campground on Friday, August 12th. One new bike rack will also be installed by the day use playground. The other two bike racks will be stored until next year.

Future Playground Equipment: Campground location

Mike would like the FGHSP to decide by October on the expenditure of funds for the playground equipment. This is the deadline for taking advantage of vendor discounts or matching funds programs for this year. We would still have to secure funding in the spring for the pad and installation of the equipment.

Mike will research with the Grand Haven State Park Supervisor, Matt Shaver, the possibilities for funding this part of the project.

Becky Newman will research similar projects accomplished by other State Park Friends groups for additional funding ideas.

The group decided on two avenues to gather input from the local community and the campground community on the design of the playground. Posters advertising the request for input will be posted in the campground and "ballots" will be available at the Camp Ground Host site for all interested parties. The FGHSP will host a feedback meeting at the September 21st Open House. Posters advertising that meeting will be distributed around the Grand Haven area and the event will be advertised in local media.

Excess Funds from 2016 Matching Program:

Due to better pricing than anticipated for purchasing and installing the bike racks, we still have \$1,310.00 left from matching funds. Mike and Karen will meet with Matt Shaver to discuss possible ideas. 3 ideas that the group identified are:

- New swings for the campground playground
- Horseshoe pits and tetherball (2 sets if possible)
- New shed or shed improvements

Next Meeting: September 12, 2016 at 6:30pm, location TBD

Open House: September 21, 2016 at 6:30pm, location TBD

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.