

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2017



Meeting commenced: 6:30pm Loutit Library: Meeting Room A

President's Comments: Mike Mazurek

Mike welcomed Dave Brinks as a new board member. The FGHSP was awarded the William & Dorothy Young Mixer grant in the amount of \$6,000.

January meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

Deposits of \$163.40 since January.

Expenses of \$10,180 since January.

\$180 to Brian Cryst for web hosting services.

\$10,000 deposit on the playground equipment.

Current cash in the bank = \$33,569.85

Old Business:

The grant application for matching funds for the playground project has been submitted to the State of Michigan/DNR.

Matt Shaver gave a synopsis of the matching funds program indicating that it is possible that the FGHSP could be awarded some or all of the requested funds based on previous years grants. In addition, Matt gave the group an installation time line. The goal would be to install by May ahead of the busy season.

DNR Friends Summit: March 3 & 4

Joyce is attending. We still have 4 open spots. Joyce will be presenting a slide show featuring FGHSP past activities and accomplishments. Mike Mazurek thanked Joyce for taking on that responsibility.

The "Summer Education Programs in the Park" discussion included:

Birds of Prey (out of Holland) program for a cost of \$270. That received a positive response from the group. The group voted unanimously to schedule this event. August 10th at 7:00pm is the tentative date.

Karen Casey McKnight presented materials regarding the Smithsonian's Water/Ways in Michigan program sponsored by the Michigan Humanities Council. The group took the materials to review and will discuss at the next meeting.

Matt Shaver:

Matt was invited to the meeting to present ideas that the Grand Haven State Park would like to see the Friends group invest in. Matt suggested:

- 1) Plant Pine trees along Harbor Drive, for sand control and improved aesthetics for the campers.
- 2) Site extensions (concrete) to accommodate larger campers. Estimated cost of \$1000/site.
- 3) New dumpster shields to improve park aesthetics. Estimated cost \$500-\$600.
- 4) Additional swing set for the campground playground. Estimated cost of \$1800 to \$2500. Plus installation.
- 5) Sponsor a clean-up event on July 5th and August 6th (day after Coast Guard Festival Fireworks).
- 6) Paint the wood shed (\$150).
- 7) Acquire a new double mattress for the lodge.
- 8) Acquire an electronic information board for the campground office.

Proposed Budget for 2017: Mike Mazurek

Mike handed out the proposed budget for 2017. It is estimated that the fire wood cost will remain the same as 2016. Therefore no increase in wood bundles is expected. The budget was unanimously approved by the group.

New Business:

The current T-Shirt inventory is low and the colors/sizes are limited. Bob Moore will forward to Judi Mazurek the information for re-ordering more shirts.

The group discussed the possibility of setting up a Go Fund Me site to help raise money for the cost going forward for the ADA surface material and installation for the playground. Amazon Smile was also discussed.

There will not be a FGHSP meeting in March due to travel and vacation schedules.

Next Meeting: April 10th, 2017 at 6:30pm, location Loutit Library

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.