

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2016



Meeting commenced: 6:37pm at the Loutit Library: Cheapstacks

Mike welcomed guest Susan Thorpe.

January meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

Current cash in the bank = \$19,809.25

Deposits since January = \$1,010.47

No new expenses since January

DNR Grant Request for Bike Racks: Joyce Rhodes

The request was signed off on by the State Partnership Match Program. Joyce Rhodes has gotten a quote for installation, including concrete, from Schipper for \$2,232.00.

Playground Equipment: Mike Mazurek

The Grand Haven Community Foundation has suggested that a request for donation toward the Campground Playground project would best match the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) interests and goals. To that end, Karen McKnight Casey has offered to contact Lauren at YAC and send a letter of inquiry regarding a donation to FGHSP.

If the inquiry generates a positive response, an application will need to be submitted by April 1st.

Vending Contracts: Mike Mazurek

Our contract with Pepsi for 2015 included a \$3,000 signing bonus and a 45% commission on sales. There was a lot of dissatisfaction with the level of service from Pepsi and the loss of revenue associated with that service.

Mike has had a conversation with AD Bos, who is offering to supply both snacks and beverage vending in 2016. The beverages would be a mix of both Pepsi and Coke products. They will guarantee that the machines will be replenished on an appropriate basis and kept full. They are offering a 25% commission on sales.

The group decided to let Mike continue talks with both vendors and make a decision based on what he believes will be in the best interest of the FGHSP.

Mike will also send a copy of our vending contract to Joyce for renewal for another year. Joyce is looking into extending the renewal period to 6 years.

Wood/Fire Pits: Mike Mazurek

Central Supply has confirmed that there will be no price increase for wood for 2016. The group voted to raise the price per bundle to \$6.00 which would include \$0.36 sales tax.

Fire pits will continue to be sold at \$25.00 for new and \$15.00 for used.

Michigan Humanities Council Grant: Karen McKnight Casey

Karen voiced a concern over pursuing this event in 2016 given the fact that there will be a new park supervisor and the event requires park space and staff. She wondered if we should delay the event until 2017. We do not have a firm commitment from the Humanities Council yet.

Joyce confirmed that the event has already been placed on the calendar and that the new supervisor would support it. The group felt strongly about being able to offer educational programming to park visitors. It was decided to keep the presentation scheduled for July 14, 2016 should the grant come through.

New Business:

Joyce Rhodes presented some ideas to the group based on requests she has gotten from park visitors:

- 1) Providing a wagon to help move wood for campers
- 2) Providing portable tanks for campers to use to dump grey water
- 3) Providing Bicycle rentals
- 4) Provide lockers in the Breezeway of the Pavilion.
- 5) The Food Truck vendors would like to have picnic tables with umbrellas close to their trucks.

The group felt portable tanks and bike rentals were not feasible to manage at this time. We also felt the Food Truck vendors could procure umbrella tables themselves.

Becky Newman offered to investigate the options available for small lockers for the Pavilion.

A decision on lockers and a wood wagon was deferred to the next meeting.

Susan Thorpe explained how the group "100 Men Who Care" works and that her husband Doug is a member of that group. Every quarter 3 projects are presented to the "100" group. The projects voted in favor of receive \$100.00 times the number of members at the meeting.

She volunteered to take a FGHSP project idea to the group through Doug. She suggested we might also investigate "100 Women Who Care".

It was decided to cancel the March meeting due to the number of members unable to attend.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2016 at 6:30pm, location TBD.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.