

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2018



Meeting commenced: 6:30pm Grand Haven State Park

President's Comments: Mike Mazurek

Mike welcomed Pat Whalen, unit manager of Hoffmaster State Park, and thanked him for coming.

Pat informed the group that a use permit would be required for our upcoming events in the park. He will send the form to Mike Mazurek.

June meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Mike Mazurek

There were deposits of \$1,284.49 since June. This included revenue from wood, cans, fire pit sales, Coke sales for May and donations.

The FGHP incurred expenses of \$456.84 since June. This was for 12 fire pits, gift cards for the camp ground hosts, a lock for the donation box and contractor bags for the returnable can containers.

Current cash in the bank = \$20,933.63. We have \$5.00 in savings.

Anticipated expenses this summer: Annual insurance of roughly \$900.00 in July. Pat Whalen asked for a copy of the insurance rider to be sent to him for the State's records.

Old Business:

Summer Programs Update: Mike Mazurek

- 1) Birds of Prey: Becky will send Karen a landscape orientation version of the advertising poster for the State of Michigan/DNR programs calendar. We decided to provide bottles of water for attendees. Mike Mazurek will reserve the shelter area of the Pavilion through Matt Schwemin.
- 2) Dave Palmer & his Only Friends: July 26th from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Advertising posters (large and small) have been printed and are ready for distribution. A 2' by 4' banner is also ready to be displayed in the park. Bob Moore is handling this task. Karen McKnight-Casey has contacted local news and radio outlets as well as the State of Michigan/DNR programs coordinator for inclusion in their calendar. The band will set up on the patio outside the Pavilion on the north end. Dave Palmer will survey the site with Matt Schwemin. The FGHP will provide water for the audience.

Bike Repair Station Update: Dave Brinks

The vendor will deliver the station to Grand Haven State Park on a Saturday, July 14th. We will need to coordinate the exchange of the damaged unit.

New Business: Update from Pat Whalen

Trees: Pat has emailed the Stewardship contact for approval of River Birch as an option as it is not listed on the official state list for this region.

Beach Survival: Pat is waiting for a response regarding both the event and the emergency phones.

Swing Sets: Pat was told by the District Supervisor and Planner that the new swing sets would require a surface underneath them similar to the playground surface. Pat is meeting with them on Friday to get clarification as this would add considerably to the cost of the project. Pat will also inquire about additional concrete on the side of the camp host shed for mounting the bike repair station.

Matt Lincoln has informed us that the FGHSP have 2 years to spend the approved grant money.

It has been decided that elevated fire pits will be required and are what should be offered in the campground by the FGHSP. Mike Mazurek pointed out that fire rings are still being used by campers with no enforcement. It was recommended that the Grand Haven State Park should post signage explaining the new policy.

The group asked Pat to increase the number of places in the park where the three different disposable containers can be grouped together (trash, recycle and returnable).

Mike Mazurek commented that the recycle sorters are doing a good job and are willing to separate out returnable items from the recycle bins.

Pat entertained a discussion on investigating a different way to secure the trash containers to the poles to eliminate the slant caused by the current attachment.

Pat asked for feedback regarding the effectiveness of the orange fencing used to block off access to the campground from the beach during Soccer in the Sand. That approach was successful, and the fencing will be reused for Coast Guard festival.

Pat informed the group that the request for signs in the campground that inform the public that the campground is for campers and their guests will be taken care of by the State, possibly done this fall.

In the short term, Pat indicated the Grand Haven State Park staff will be focused on maintenance and repairs.

The State of Michigan/DNR has decided to remodel the existing Pavilion instead of replacing it, due to its historical nature and larger footprint.

Next Meeting: August 20, 2018 at 6:30pm, location: Grand Haven State Park Pavilion

The meeting is pushed back one week due to member scheduling conflicts.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.