

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2018



Meeting commenced: 6:33pm Grand Haven State Park

President's Comments: Mike Mazurek

Mike welcomed Pat Whalen, unit manager of Hoffmaster State Park. Pat is overseeing management of the Grand Haven State Park since the resignation of supervisor Matt Shaver. Matt Schwemin, currently the lead ranger at Muskegon State Park, will be the out of class supervisor for the Grand Haven State Park through September of 2018.

A discussion of the status of the FGHSP grant approvals for 2018 ensued:

- 1) The Grand Haven State Park needs to secure bids for the cement work for the recycle dumpster. Pat is working on quotes and availability of contractors.
- 2) Shade trees for the Playground in the campground: Dave Brinks was quoted \$700.00 per tree installed. The trees would be River Birch, 16' to 20' tall. These are 3-5 stem clump trees. Given space concerns, the group felt one tree on the south west corner of the playground would be preferable. Additional shading options will be researched.

May meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

There were deposits of \$678.00 since May. This included revenue from wood & fire pit sales, and donations. It also included \$5.00 from Amazon Smile!

The FGHSP incurred expenses of \$225.36 since May. This was for the materials needed to install the new camp host shed.

Current cash in the bank = \$20,105.98. We have \$5.00 in savings.

Anticipated expenses this summer: Annual insurance of \$900.00 in July and additional pallets of wood. All the elevated fire pits have been sold and the group elected to purchase 4 more if discount pricing is still available.

Old Business:

Grant project status discussed in opening session.

Summer Programs Update: Mike Mazurek

- 1) Birds of Prey through the Outdoor Discovery Center in Holland scheduled for August 29, 2018 from 7:00 to 8:30pm
- 2) Confederate Gold out of Muskegon: Mike Mazurek will contact Kevin Dykstra
- 3) Music event – Dave Palmer & his Only Friends: Bob Moore will confirm July 26th from 6:00 to 8:00pm

Karen Casey volunteered to help with publicity for these events. Thank you, Karen!

Bike Repair Station Update: Dave Brinks

The replacement station is being shipped to the vendor (2-4 weeks). The vendor will deliver the station to Grand Haven State Park on a Saturday. We will need to coordinate the exchange of the damaged unit.

New Shed update:

The new camp host shed needs an additional 3'-4' of cement on the side. It would be appreciated if racks for brooms and shovels were installed on the backside or a free-standing rack was placed there. We need to make 2 new signs for the camp host to use that can be hung on the shed.

Grand Haven State Park will anchor the shed.

It was decided not to install outside lighting on the shed.

New Business:

Pat Whalen provided an update on the Grand Haven State Park staffing and current park needs:

GHSP is down 2 ranger positions but is getting help from neighboring parks for both law enforcement and maintenance. Pat asked for patience during this transition period.

There has been an indication that the Beach Survival Challenge could be resurrected for 2019. Additionally, the beach emergency phone needs to be re-installed. The recommendation is to retool it for wireless and install it on a cement pad. The FGHP organization is willing to look at funding that initiative, including a second beach emergency phone farther south in the park.

Dave Brinks asked Pat about possible signage in the campground indicating access for "campers and their guests only" in certain areas to prohibit the public from walking through campsites.

Karen Casey recommended a press release on the park's new recycling program.

The TV monitor provided by the FGHP in the campground office needs an updated content on the USB drive. Becky Newman volunteered to update the content, including Park information, if information was sent to her.

Next Meeting: July 9, 2018 at 6:30pm, location: Grand Haven State Park

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.