

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2015



Meeting commenced: 6:33pm at the Loutit Library

President's Comments:

Mike Mazurek requested that Becky Newman add a notation to the new bylaws at the end of the last page to read: as amended on 2-9-2015.

Mike also clarified that general members have voting rights in general meetings.

February 9th meeting minutes were approved.

Financial Update: Mike Mazurek on behalf of Judi Mazurek

Current cash in the bank = \$16,278.06

FGHSP took in \$10.00 in dues in February, 2015 and spent \$9.80 on stamps to mail membership renewal notices.

Annual Meeting Date Discussion:

The group agreed to a proposed Annual Meeting date and time of Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm to be held at Grand Haven State Park.

This reflects the general agreement that January is not a convenient month for many attendees. Although it was suggested to hold the meeting on a regular Monday evening for consistency, the group decided on Saturday to entice new members to attend.

Discussion of Insurance Liability

Mike Mazurek updated the group on the current status of our insurance coverage. All volunteers, including members, are covered under their own medical insurance. The FGHSP insurance provides for general liability coverage.

It was recommended that the FGHSP create and use a waiver for volunteers at group events. Joyce Rhodes offered to bring a copy of the State Park waiver to the next meeting to review as a possible template.

ADA Walkway Update:

We have not gotten a response yet from the State Partnership program for matching funds for the ADA walkways project.

Joyce Rhodes communicated that the supplier will be visiting the park at the end of March/beginning of April (depending on snow melt) to physically assess the number of walkway sections required. A FGHSP member was invited to attend.

There are funds available from the State District program for ADA walkway projects (\$20,000). The Park's concrete sidewalks need an estimated \$18,000 of improvements for accessibility compliance.

It was suggested that if any extra money was available once all the determinations were complete, that FGHSP use it to tie into the City of Grand Haven beach ADA walkway.

The ADA walkway project details should be finalized at the next FGHSP meeting in April.

Tree Planting Program:

The group has been considering implementing a program in which the proceeds from the returnable cans program would be used to fund a tree planting program in the park.

Joyce Rhodes suggested an assumed cost of \$150.00 to \$175.00 per tree. There is a list of preferred trees from the State Park. The park loses approximately 50% of their trees annually. There is no master plan for tree planting, but desired locations include:

Between the channel and the campground

In the picnic area

Around Buildings

While the group did not commit to a certain number of trees annually, it was resolved to create signage for the can collection containers to read: "proceeds from this can collection support planting of trees in the park".

The FGHSP group also plans to increase the number of collection containers from 2 to 6 and to secure larger capacity containers. Dan Ruiters is working on this project.

The group discussed a possible major tree planting initiative as an annual project for future years.

Kite Festival Update:

Bob Moore delivered a proposal to Mark Stedman of Magnum Roastery to sell hot beverages, water and snacks during the event. They would have a secured space in the pavilion. Proceeds from sales would be split with FGHSP 50/50. We will need volunteers for our own table to sell t-shirts, memberships, etc. A sign-up sheet will be created for use at the next meeting in April.

Vending Contracts Discussion: Mike Mazurek

Pepsi has been contacted and they responded with an offer of a \$2,500 signing bonus and 40% commission for a one year commitment, and a \$3,000 signing bonus and 45% commission for a three year commitment.

Mike counter offered with a \$3,000 signing bonus and 50% commission for a one year commitment, and a \$4,000 signing bonus and 55% commission for a three year commitment. Mike also asked for a commitment from Pepsi for more restocking days.

Coca Cola was also approached and responded with no signing bonus and 25% commission.

Mike will contact AD Bos and Snack Time for snack vending.

We are still looking for a supplier for sundries vending

FGHSP plan to vote on vending bids at the April meeting.

Wood Contract Update:

Last year the FGHSP purchased wood for \$2.40/bundle. The price for 2015 will increase to \$2.45/bundle. It was decided to keep the sale price of the bundle at \$5.00.

Mike Weaver suggested that a bonfire ring be made available for day users to rent/use on the beach. Joyce Rhodes voiced a concern about manpower required from the park and about containing the ashes. It was decided that Mike Weaver would do some preliminary investigation of fire pits that are appropriate for this use (Premarc) and the topic would be discussed at the next meeting.

Tom Eckels: FGHSP Website

It was decided that the FGHSP would subscribe to Bravenet.com via Tom Eckels for \$99.00/year. Tom will present a general mock-up of the website at the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

It was decided that meeting minutes can be posted on the website once approved by the Board Members via email distribution. It was further decided that "passive" approval would be allowed, meaning that no response within 72 hours indicates approval.

Updates from Joyce Rhodes:

Water Line: the bid packages were sent out with pre-bid to be held 3/18 at 10:00am. The project will be completed by May 15, 2015 including the installation of the second FGHSP drinking fountain. The FGHSP plaque needs to be delivered to Joyce.

The Store/Storage: the store front in the pavilion will be made available to the FGHSP to display t-shirts and other products. It will provide the group with an onsite storage area that is easy to access. THANK YOU JOYCE!

Concrete projects: in addition to sidewalk repair as noted previously, the park wants to pour a concrete pad in the area where the FGHSP stores pallets of wood. The State Park is asking for 100% of the cost of that pour. The State Park is also inquiring about the groups' interest in helping to fund some campsite extensions. Joyce would like the group to consider paying the full price of the storage pad that will be used to store firewood and decking due to the amount of other concrete the park must purchase this year.

Programming: the Park still has \$126.03 remaining from the FGHSP donation in FY14 and is not in need of additional program funds as of now!

List of Park Events: for possible FGHSP sales activities

Kite Festival May 15-17

Memorial Day May 22-25

Beach Survival Challenge June 20

Soccer in the Sand June 25-28

July 4th (Saturday)

Beast of the Beach July 11

Michigan Sports Volleyball July 18-19

Sports Endeavor Volleyball July 23-25

Coast Guard Festival August 1

Labor Day September 7

Next Meeting: April 13, 2015 at 6:30pm at Loutit Library

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm