

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2017



Meeting commenced: 6:33pm Loutit Library: Meeting Room A

President's Comments: Mike Mazurek

Mike, and the rest of the group, wished Joyce Rhodes a very happy birthday!

April meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

Deposits of \$631.50 since April. \$600 from Coke (annual bonus). The balance from dues, t-shirt sales and can returns.

Expenses since April: \$25,122.00. \$24,413 to the State of Michigan for the campground playground, \$684.50 for a new order of 96 t-shirts, and \$25.00 to the campground hosts for firewood sales fund.

Current cash in the bank = \$16,676.85. This does not reflect the expenditure of \$684.50 for the t-shirts.

Old Business:

FGHSP Logo T-shirts: Judi Mazurek

Judi ordered 8 dozen shirts. An inventory update was provided to Becky Newman to post on the FGHSP website.

Matt Shaver List Update:

- 1) Paint the Shed: paint is available at Home Depot where the FGHSP can use their gift card. Paint colors are available from the State of Michigan DNR/State Parks Headquarters. It is estimated that 1 gallon of trim color and 3 gallons of main color will be required. The group has volunteered to schedule the painting day in early June, 2017.
- 2) Monitor for the Campground Registration Office: Matt is pricing out 20 – 22" monitors equipped with jump drive compatibility for programming as well as wall mounting hardware that incorporates a swing arm.
- 3) Trees: Matt is recommending White Pine trees purchased from an Ottawa County provider. A 4-6 foot tree is estimated to cost \$1200. Members of the group recommended West Olive Nursery and Precision Landscape as additional vendors for Matt to research. Matt indicated that Countryside Greenhouse might be willing to contribute to this project in some manner.

Kite Festival:

A sign-up sheet for manning the table at the Kite Festival was passed around and all spots have been filled by members of the FGHSP. The Mazureks have a 4 foot table, 2 bag chairs, the FGHSP flag and a canopy for our use. The selling of Walk the Beat raffle tickets as a fundraiser for both groups was approved for this event.

Vending: The Coke machines are up and running.

Bob Moore volunteered to help John Smolenski with can collection this summer at the park.

The Birds of Prey educational event in Grand Haven State Park is scheduled for Thursday, August 10th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Karen Casey McKnight was not able to acquire stock advertising materials from the Outdoor Discovery Center, Macatawa Greenway. So Karen volunteered to create marketing/promotional verbiage for posters and advertisements. Becky Newman will create custom advertising posters for local promotion. The group decided against providing refreshments for the event. It was also decided to advise Birds of Prey to provide any sound system or presentation electronics that might be necessary.

Bob Moore has confirmed that a local Boy Scout troop has volunteered for the 8/6 beach cleanup day. The group decided that the FGHP will provide a thank you meal for the Scouts. Some ideas include a cookout in the picnic area or a pizza party after the cleanup event. TBD.

The bike racks that were acquired in 2016 but not installed will be installed as part of the lot construction in 2017. That is expected to happen on the Monday after Labor Day.

The new swing set that the FGHP acquired in 2016 was installed next to the Day Use Playground on May 8th, 2017. This single bay unit is designed for the up 8 years old age group.

Campground Playground Status:

The FGHP learned that the State of Michigan, in partnership with the Carter Kids foundation, plans to provide playgrounds for four State Parks this year. Grand Haven State Park has been selected to be one of those recipients due to the fundraising progress of the FGHP playground initiative.

- The Carter Kids foundation matches the funds provided by the State of Michigan/DNR.
- The State of Michigan previously approved a matching grant to the FGHP in the amount of \$34,413.
- The FGHP will be consulted for design purposes.
- The playground will be in the campground area as previously planned and will include the ADA surface requirements of the FGHP.

Part of the \$34,413 promised by the FGHP includes a \$10,000 deposit on a pre-built playground from American Athletix. Although that deposit was guaranteed to be refundable, it is currently not available money. The State of Michigan is working with the FGHP on this account.

The FGHP can still pursue the options of working with American Athletix. The group discussed possible additional playground options, depending on the outcome of the Carter Kids project. Ideas included:

- Play equipment suitable for ages 2-5
- Climbing equipment
- 2 Bay/4 swings swing sets

New Business:

Wood and Fire Pits:

New policies at the Grand Haven State Park prohibit fires on the beach and dictate space and screen requirements for fire pits. Therefore, the group has elected not to sell fire pits in the campground. Wood bundles will still be sold by our campground hosts.

Soccer in the Sand: June 23-25

This very well attended event requires additional vending services to maximize potential beverage sales. The vending machines will be empty by Sunday morning. Options considered by the group included:

Partner with Biggby for a fee or percentage of water sales.

Ask Soccer in the Sand to sell water/snacks and split proceeds. Matt Shaver volunteered to discuss this with them.

Ask Coke for a special restocking effort on Saturday night/Sunday morning. Matt offered the blue room as a storage area for inventory since it will be very difficult to get a delivery truck in the park over the weekend. Mike Mazurek will talk with Coke.

Becky Newman asked the group to think about providing some amenities for the Pavilion. Specifically, the meeting room could use some sound deafening material as well as light blocking pull down blinds for the west facing windows. To be discussed further at future meetings!

Next Meeting: June 12, 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 8:03pm.