

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2016



**Meeting commenced: 6:39pm at the Loutit Library: Cheapstacks Bookstore**

**President's Comments:** Mike Mazurek presented our Community Service Award from the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association (mPark). The award was presented on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Hannah Community Center in East Lansing. The group would like to display the plaque in the Campground office.

Mike also shared a thank you card from Joyce Rhodes, newly retired GHSP Manager, for the FGHSP gift planter.

Mike shared that he had also met with Matt Shaver, acting GHSP Manager, regarding Friends Group activities and initiatives.

**April meeting minutes were approved.**

**Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek**

Current cash in the bank = \$16,928.90

Deposits since April = \$110.90

Expenses since April = \$2,933.73 Bike rack grant, award ceremony, planter, 8 fire rings

Wood has been ordered but not billed yet (\$980.00).

Judi also updated the instructions for the Campground Hosts for collecting the new fee for wood (\$6.00 including tax) and new phone numbers of board members.

**Grand Haven Area Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council: Karen McKnight Casey**

The Youth Advisory Council met on April 20, 2016 to decide on their recommendation. The request now moves to the Community Foundation Board, which meets on May 25, 2016. The request was for \$7,000 for the campground playground project fund.

**Vending Contracts: Mike Mazurek**

A contract has been signed with AD Bos for snack vending.

We have elected to contract with Coca-Cola this year for beverage vending. The FGHSP will receive a \$750.00 signing bonus and 45% commission on sales. The machines will have card readers. The stocking days are scheduled to be Monday and Friday. The new machines are arriving Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Pepsi is not removing their machines until Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The Pepsi machines will be moved out of the way so that Coke can install and stock their machines in their permanent spot.

Soccer in the Sand contacted Mike Mazurek regarding vending opportunities during their event. They will have two booths, one for T-shirts, socks and soccer balls and one for free samples of Kind energy bars. FGHSP is partnering with Biggby Coffee for additional beverage and pastry vending.

### **Wood and Wagons: Mike Mazurek**

Dave donated a Radio Flyer wagon for the purpose of transporting wood bundles for campers. The group decided to evaluate its use in the park before acquiring any additional wagons.

Matt Shaver asked for a signed contract from Central Wood Supply, our DNR approved contractor for supplying wood bundles.

### **Returnable Can Containers: Mike Mazurek**

The 2 new containers need locks and will replace the original wood boxes. Judi Mazurek has the labels for the new cans. All 8 containers will be placed in the park on Friday/Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Preferred locations are:

2 at the Pavilion	1 at the ADA walkway	1 at the Channel bathroom sidewalk
1 at the Playground	1 at the Camp Host shed	1 at the Showers building
1 at the Channel bathroom next to Coke machines		

We need additional trash bag liners

### **Kite Festival: Becky Newman**

Mike and Judi have a table and the FGHSP flag. We can also use the Coca-Cola tent. The volunteer schedule is as follows:

Saturday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:30am to 12:30pm	Peggy Eaton and Becky Newman
	12:30pm to 2:30pm	Judi and Mike Mazurek
	2:30pm to 5:00pm	open
Sunday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30am to 12:30pm	Karen McKnight-Casey and Becky Newman
	12:30pm to 2:30pm	open
	2:30pm to 4:00pm	Jayne and Dan Ruiter

### **New Business:**

Becky Newman presented posters and coloring book samples for the Home Light event in July. Postcards will be created by Cate Reed of the Tri Cities Historical Museum.

Becky also handed out the 2016 version of the FGHSP brochure for feedback. The final version will be available for handout at the Kite Festival.

Mike Mazurek reported that Matt Shaver has agreed to the installation of the two new pieces of campground playground equipment as long as the FGHSP agree to cover the cost of moving those pieces if necessary when the final playground gets installed. Karen motioned that the FGSHP agree to the cost of relocating playground equipment. Joyce seconded it. The group passed it unanimously.

Mike also reported that Matt Shaver is only allowing for the ordering of one bike rack, not all three as provided for in the State's approved partnership matching funds program. The reason for that is due to projected new construction in 2017 around the Pavilion where two of the racks are slated to be installed. The bike rack near the playground is not affected

by the 2017 construction. Matt is not agreeing to either a more temporary form of installment (sonotubes) until they can be permanently installed in 2017, or to store the two bike racks until next year.

The group decided to send a letter to Roland Johnson regarding the matter, referencing the matching funds partnership program that included the submission of park locations for installation and the on-site visit by State park representatives finalizing the locations.

We need a new tarp to cover the wood stored on pallets outside.

Mike Mazurek asked about fundraising efforts for the campground playground. It is estimated that the FGHP will have \$30,000 to designate for the project by the end of 2016.

Game Time (through Sinclair) will match our contribution as long as we buy \$75,000 worth of equipment.

In addition, the surface decking will incur an additional \$55,000 and the installation is estimated at \$20,000.

At the minimum, we still need \$45,000 in contributions (\$7,500 for equipment and \$37,500 to apply for matching funds from the state partnership program for the decking and installation).

It was suggested that we research possible professional fund raising help. Judi Mazurek plans to contact Meijer to find out how to apply for grant money. Becky Newman will continue to pursue a contribution from General RV.

**Next Meeting: June 13, 2016 at 6:30pm, location TBD.**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.**