

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2018



**Meeting commenced: 6:29pm at Loutit Library**

**October meeting minutes were approved.**

**Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek**

There were deposits of \$1,418.36 since October. This included a check from Coke for \$427.09 and from AD Bos for \$991.27 (annual amount).

The FGHSP incurred \$165.00 in expenses since October for a plaque for a bench.

Current cash in the bank = \$33,036.39, with \$165.00 outstanding. We have \$5.00 in savings.

**Updates from Pat Whalen:**

The concrete for benches, dumpster pad and bike racks required a change of plan (different benches were ordered) which required re-bidding of the project. However, the State of Michigan DNR has raised the spending limit for approval to \$5,000 so Pat will check and see if the contractor can still install the dumpster pad this year and install the other pads in the spring of 2019.

We have not gotten a quote yet from Sinclair for shade options for the playground. There are other approved vendors we could research. The group voiced concern over the cost of this kind of shade option, the amount this option would encroach on campsites and whether shade was necessary. Dave Brinks presented information on trees as a shade option again. He found a supplier of 15' Basswood trees, 2 ½ inches in diameter for \$225.00 per tree delivered. The concern for this option is having to plant and maintain the trees ourselves. In addition, the trees are not grown in Michigan.

Several campsite extensions were completed this Fall with a probability of 3 more in the Spring. Each extension costs approximately \$1500.00 if the State Park Staff does the cement work. Pat asked the FGHSP to consider funding additional extensions.

Phase 3 of the Park paving program will include a sidewalk in the day use area by the volleyball courts.

There has not been any progress on retrieving the beach emergency phone. Pat indicated that the City of Grand Haven would like to bring back the Beach Safety Challenge as well as the Kite Festival.

Home Depot expressed a willingness to provide a new drinking fountain with a refillable bottle station for the park. Bob Moore will investigate with Rob at the contractor's desk at the Grand Haven Home Depot.

**Grand Haven State Park and City of Grand Haven Meeting Update: Bob Moore**

This meeting was attended by Pat Whalen and Gary Jones of the State of Michigan DNR, Bob Moore of FGHSP and a representative from the City of Grand Haven Department of Public Safety.

The meeting was focused primarily on public safety issues. Both the City and the State will erect numbered zone signs along the length of the State Park and the City Beach to help identify locations for emergency response teams. The City expressed disappointment that the old queuing lane in the day use area was removed as it was used for emergency vehicles.

The DNR shared updates on Park maintenance projects including the new concrete pours and the new roof on the Pavilion.

There was no update on the upcoming meeting of the State commission looking at providing WIFI in the parks.

Ask requested, here is the link to the State's 100 Year Anniversary of Michigan State Parks celebration website:

<https://midnr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/StoryMapCrowdsource/index.html?appid=ab30d92b09af4fa08eb9622d47b1dc71>

## **Old Business**

### **2019 matching funds:**

Potential matching fund projects for 2019 are:

- 1) Shade option for the campground playground: covered picnic tables
- 2) ½ to ¾ size Soccer nets for campground area
- 3) Camp site extensions (using Park labor)
- 4) Additional beach emergency phone
- 5) Mobi Mat from the day use entrance circle to the food truck circle
- 6) Mobi Mat from the pier to the water
- 7) Pad under the original campground playground pieces (half moon climber and sky runner)
- 8) Wish list from Grand Haven State Park

### **History of Vending Results: Mike Mazurek**

Mike provide a summary of vending sales from 2014 through October of 2018. Revenue from AD Bos was considerably low. Mike informed the group that AD Bos instituted a \$300.00 installation charge without any notice to us. This was deducted from our revenue check. Wood sales were also down but that could be because of some camp host coverage issues. Wood sold out two weeks before the end of the season and there are 3 fire pits remaining in inventory.

**Next Meeting:** December 10, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Loutit Library

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.**