

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2016



**Meeting commenced: 6:30pm Loutit Library: Cheapstacks Bookstore**

**President's Comments: Mike Mazurek**

Mike informed the group that one of the vendors we are working with on the playground project recently became a Kompan equipment dealer and provided a new catalog of products to review.

Mike has not received a response to his email to the State of Michigan DNR regarding our playground proposal and site considerations.

**October meeting minutes were approved.**

**Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek**

Current cash in the bank = \$43,590.78

Deposits October 10 – November 14 = \$2,819.34

2 checks from Coke

1 check from AD Bos

Waiting for one check to clear (\$19.33)

Expenses October 10 – November 14 = \$315.25

Sales Tax, Stamps, and snack reimbursement

There is still one outstanding check from Coke for \$750.00 (first year signing bonus).

There are no anticipated expenses until April/May of 2017. We will start the year with 3 fire rings and 42 bundles of wood.

**Elections:**

Dave Brinks was nominated and unanimously voted in as a new Board Member. Dave's term will start 1/1/2017 and expire 12/31/2020.

**Grand Haven Community Foundation/William H Young and Dorothy Young Mixer Field of Interest Fund:**

Karen McKnight-Casey submitted the grant application to this fund with the asking amount of \$8,000. The grant would support the playground project as an enhancement and beautification of the Grand Haven State Park.

Nicely done Karen!

## **Budget: Overview of 2016 Budget numbers**

Mike Mazurek handed out copies of the Friends of Grand Haven State Park financial review documents:

Statement of Financial Position dated October 31, 2016

Total Liabilities and Net Assets = \$43,390.61

Statement of Activities dated October 31, 2016

Net Assets at beginning of the year = \$18,982.02

Net Assets at the end of the year = \$43,390.61

Supplies Balance Sheet through October 18, 2016

Total = \$873.17

Historical Budget Summary, 2013 – 2016

Net Assets 2013 = \$7,380.00

Net Assets 2014 = \$8,521.00

Net Assets 2015 = \$3,078.00

Net Assets 2016 = \$24,408.59 (estimated budget was \$20,940.00)

Vending Summary, 2014-2016 (revenue from beverage, snack, wood and fire ring sales)

2014 Revenue = \$16,307.19

2015 Revenue = \$18,235.16

2016 Revenue = \$21,596.08

## **Playground Equipment**

Mike Mazurek emailed the State of Michigan/DNR regarding the suitability of the playground for the location in the north end of the Grand Haven State Park. He has not received a reply.

Matt Shaver, Park Supervisor, asked for pricing for the decking and pad.

John McDonald of American Athletics sent Mike pricing and pictures of already built structures being offered at liquidation prices. He also supplied a catalog for Kampan playground equipment, which is a more active type of playground structure. The group elected to individually evaluate the playground offerings and respond to Mike with feedback/preferences.

We also received a new quote on the All Inclusive playground unit previously under consideration. The new acquisition price is \$49,777. We were also quoted \$2,900 for a supervised group build installation, or \$17,500 if installed by professionals from American Athletics.

## **New Business:**

### **Matching Funds Application: DNR Friends Group Partnership Program:**

Applications are due by January 23, 2016. Components that need to be submitted include:

- 1) General statement of need and the impact of the project.
- 2) Work in process number
- 3) Project description
- 4) Site Development
- 5) Project location map
- 6) Final approval

The group discussed submitting two matching funds proposals. One would be for the playground equipment and the second would be for the decking/pad for accessibility concerns.

The goal is to submit the applications by the first week of January, 2017.

**FGHSP Website:**

Brian Cryst has informed the group that he can continue to host our website but will need to start charging \$15.00/month. Mike Mazurek researched alternative options including eHost, iPage, Bluehost and several others. Pricing varied, but as an example, eHost would cost \$249.00 for 3 years of service.

More information is required to make a decision, mainly due to technical questions regarding moving the current site to a new server. A decision will be made at the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Direct Your Dollars: Karen McKnight-Casey**

Karen notified the group of a funding program that SpartanNash grocery stores offer to non-profit groups. If you redeem \$150,000 worth of receipts, your group can earn \$1,000. More thought will go into how to take advantage of this opportunity!

**Next Meeting: December 12, 2016 at 6:30pm, location Loutit Library: Cheapstacks Bookstore**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.**