

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2015



**Meeting commenced: 6:31pm at the Spring Lake Library: History Room**

**President's Comments: Mike Mazurek**

Loutit Library was not available because of set up issues for a children program on Tuesday mornings. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays may be available. The Spring Lake Library has availability for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month and allows you to reserve the space up to 2 months out.

John Smolenski offered to investigate possibilities at Loutit in the future.

Mike welcomed a new guest to the meeting: Tom Galetto. Glad you could join us Tom!

**September meeting minutes were approved.**

**October meeting presentation was approved to post on the website.**

**Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek**

Current cash in the bank = \$14,784.38

Deposits since September = \$10,465.09

Includes Pepsi commission of \$6,845, AD Bos commission of \$1,215.93 and PayPal transfer (volleyball tournament).

Expenses since September = \$390.09 for shipping of playground equipment.

We are still waiting for the \$3,000 signing bonus from Pepsi.

Soccer in the Sand has committed to an annual \$1,000 donation to be dedicated to the Campground Playground project and we will receive their 2015 contribution this month (November, 2015).

**Bike Racks: Brian Cryst**

The proposal to ask for matching funds from the DNR Partnership Matching Program is mid-January, 2016. Brian led a discussion on the type of bike rack the group wants to secure and locations where the bike racks should be placed.

The group likes the idea of the permanent Game Time Loop Bicycle racks to be installed by the day use playground and near the food truck lane, west of the "queue lane" pavement. Another permanent rack could be installed south of the drinking fountain near the pavilion. Additional moveable galvanized bike racks would be placed in other areas around the park as needs dictate (e.g. off the boardwalk on the beach, in the campground by the ADA walkway, at the services building).

Brian will research pricing (including installation) as well as schedule a time to walk the park with Joyce Rhodes to map out locations. He will present his findings at the December meeting in time to write the proposal for matching funds.

### **Grant to Michigan Humanities Council: Karen McKnight-Casey**

A \$500 request was submitted to fund a summer program focusing on the impact of the Grand Haven Lighthouse on the art and history of the town. Elements of the program include:

- Summer evening presentation at the park by the Tri-Cities Historical Museum
- Craft project for children at the end of the presentation
- Books for the campground library on the history of Grand Haven and the Light House.

Thank you Karen for getting this all put together!

### **Playground Equipment**

Mike Mazurek met with Kendall of Sinclair Recreation to discuss the Campground Playground project and scope. Sinclair will provide FGHSR 3 proposals for the structure based on the following budgets: \$60,000, \$75,000 and \$90,000. Game Time will match 100% of our funds for the structure based on a minimum budget of \$75,000.

The other project expenses include installation of the structure and the substructure and tiling for the pad. These expenses could equal the cost of the structure itself.

By taking advantage of the Game Time match and the State of Michigan Partnership Matching program, there is a good possibility that the playground could be installed in 2017.

### **Election of Board Members**

The current Board Members whose terms expire 12/31/2015 are Mike Mazurek, Judi Mazurek, Brian Cryst, Dan Ruitter and Bob Moore. Becky Newman's term expires 12/31/2017.

Mike Mazurek, Judi Mazurek, Dan Ruitter and John Smolenski were nominated and unanimously elected to a three year term beginning January 1, 2016.

Board Members will elect officers at the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **New Business**

Update on the website: the new version is live. It was decided that selling t-shirts on the site would be accomplished via email communication. Becky Newman will update the page to reflect available inventory and to post the email address.

**Next Meeting: December 14, 2015 at 6:30pm, location TBD.**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.**