

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2016



Meeting commenced: 6:36pm Loutit Library: Cheapstacks Bookstore

President's Comments: Mike Mazurek

Mike welcomed guest Andrew Ratke, STEM teacher in the Grand Haven Public School District.

September meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

Current cash in the bank = \$41,078.880

Deposits since September = \$5,719

Coke sales for August

Wood, Fire Rings and can returns

Expenses since August = \$65.30

Tickets, Gift Certificate and shipping (t-shirt)

Vending Recap:

Pepsi 2014: \$8,798 AD BOS 2014: \$734

Pepsi 2015: \$11,009 AD BOS 2015: \$1,215

Coke 2016: \$12,284* AD BOS 2016: \$421*

There are still outstanding checks due from Coke and AD BOS for 2016 commission on sales.

Playground Equipment

Even though the turnout for the Community Feedback meeting on September 21st was low, the feedback from attendees was very positive. Two attendees joined the FGHSPP.

Since that meeting, one of our playground vendors approached Mike Mazurek with an opportunity to purchase an existing "all inclusive" playground currently being stored in Iowa. The original price of this playground was \$108,580. It is being offered at a discounted price of \$52,396. The company will allow us to hold it with a deposit and keep it in storage for us until spring.

After reviewing the details of the pre-built playground, the group felt it met the needs identified through community feedback initiatives. The group voted unanimously that Mike Mazurek could commit to a refundable deposit.

Mike is also going to negotiate further with the vendor and get quotes for shipping and installation.

The group is in favor of a community build project with professional supervision from the vendor.

Mike will also contact the State of Michigan/DNR regarding the suitability of this playground for the location in the north end of the Grand Haven State Park.

New Business:

Elections:

Elections for new board members will take place at the November 14th, 2016 FGSHSP meeting. Dave Brinks has been nominated. Currently there are 5 board members, all of whose terms last through 2017.

Budget: Brief overview of 2016 Budget numbers

Mike Mazurek projected revenues of \$29,600. Actual revenue was \$32,593. The projected expenditure was \$4,900 and actual was \$3,155. A full review of the books will take place at the November 14, 2016 FGHSP meeting.

Project Based Learning discussion with Andrew Ratke:

Andrew explained to the group the concept of Project Based Learning employed by STEM teachers in the Grand Haven Public School District. Andrew works with students through 4th grade at Peach Plains and Robinson schools. The schools partner with business and organizations in the community to work on creative sequence projects that seek to solve problems. The program would like to partner with the FGHSP. Some potential project ideas include:

- Playground planning
- Increasing FGHSP membership
- Instituting recycling programs in the park
- Decorating the donation pole in the park

The group was very interested in fostering this relationship. Becky Newman will reach out to Andrew via email with the above ideas as a starting point for discussion. We hope to schedule a meeting between the teachers and members of FGHSP soon.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2016 at 6:30pm, location Loutit Library: Cheapstacks Bookstore

Becky Newman will send minutes to board members for approval before posting on the website. She will also email the Open Meeting responsibilities list to FGHSP members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.