

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2018



Meeting commenced: 6:30pm at the Lodge at Grand Haven State Park

Presidents Comments:

Mike welcomed Pete Goers from West Michigan Beach Volleyball. Mike provided handouts with the initial accounting of the FGHSP financials for 2018. Overall it was another successful year even though revenues were down from 2017.

September meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

There were deposits of \$3,737.55 since September. This included revenue from wood, vending (Coke), fire pit sales, can returns and donations.

The FGHSP incurred no expenses since September.

Current cash in the bank = \$31,618.03. We have \$5.00 in savings.

West Michigan Beach Volleyball Presentation: Pete Goers

Pete's presentation included a brief history of the West Michigan Beach Volleyball group and the needs it serves in the community. He proposed that the FGHSP sponsor three 2019 clinics at Grand Haven State Park so that they can be offered at no cost to families. The cost to FGHSP per participant would be \$18.00 with a limit of 48 participants per clinic. The two-hour clinics would have two age groups: grades 3-6 and grades 7-12. The FGHSP logo would be included on the free T-shirt given to participants.

The group was enthusiastic about supporting this initiative, feeling that it was in-line with our mission to provide events in the park as well as the State of Michigan DNR's "be active" focus on using State Parks facilities.

A motion to sponsor 3 Beach Volleyball clinics at a cost not to exceed \$900/clinic through West Michigan Beach Volleyball was proffered and seconded. The group voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Old Business

Update from Pat Whalen regarding matching funds:

The Grand Haven State Park has secured a contractor for the cement work to include pouring for the dumpster next to the shed, the pad extension next to the camp host shed, and 2 benches and a bike rack next to the camp ground playground. The cost is \$7,324. Previous work in the spring was at a cost of \$900, leaving \$1,776 in unused funds. The work is slated for completion by the end of October 2018.

An order to Game Time has been submitted for the benches, bike rack and toddler seat for the swing set.

The option of trees for shading of the campground playground are too limited and not likely to be successful in the long run. The FGHSP have elected to investigate permanent shade option structures for the area instead. We will have \$4,727.32 in unused grant funds to work with.

The benches are currently slated to be installed on the north west and north east corners of the playground. However, the new shade option is better suited to be installed on the south west corner. It was decided to hold off on the pouring of cement for the benches until the shade option has been determined. The bike rack will be placed across the sidewalk from the drinking fountain.

WI-FI in the Park: Bob Moore

Chris Cargill of the State of Michigan DNR informed Bob that the State is looking at a program to provide WI FI in all State Parks. Chris will be attending a meeting soon with details to follow.

New Business:

Potential matching fund projects for 2019 are:

- 1) Shade option for the campground playground
- 2) ½ to ¾ size Soccer nets for campground area
- 3) Camp site extensions (using Park labor)
- 4) Additional beach emergency phone
- 5) New drinking fountains with water bottle refill stations
- 6) Mobi Mat from the pier to the water
- 7) Wish list from Grand Haven State Park

Elections:

Board of Director Nominations: Mike Mazurek, Judi Mazurek, Dan Ruitter, Jayne Ruitter, Sallie Brinks, Karen Casey, Bob Moore. All nominees were elected to the Board.

Officer Nominations: Mike Mazurek for President, Dave Brinks for Vice President, Judi Mazurek for Treasurer, Becky Newman for Secretary. All nominees were elected as Officers.

Bob Moore will be attending the City of Grand Haven and Grand Haven State Park meeting this week.

Judi Mazurek shared that the Parks recycle program received good feedback and may expand for 2019.

Jayne Ruitter suggested we plan for using handouts in the campground to promote FGHSP events.

Next Meeting: November 12, 2018 at Loutit Library

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.