

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2018



Meeting commenced: 6:30pm Loutit Library

August meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

There were deposits of \$1,592.43 since August. This included revenue from wood, cans, fire pit sales, can deposits, t-shirts, dues and donations.

The FGHSP incurred expenses of \$320.00 since August.

The FGHSP will receive a check from Coke next week and one more in October. AD Bos has not yet made their annual payment.

Current cash in the bank = \$27,880.50. We have \$5.00 in savings.

Old Business

Update from Pat Whalen regarding matching funds:

The Grand Haven State Park has secured a quote 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 quote was for \$7,800 which is below our \$10,000 budget. The pour date is slated for the first of October.

The Friends of Grand Haven State Park decided on the Bass Wood tree species. It was motioned and approved that Pat Whalen will source a State of Michigan approved vendor for 1-2 trees, in the 20-foot range, based on a budget of \$4,000.

The State will require ADA padding for the new swing sets that would potentially cost up to \$30,000. The FGHSP did not find this feasible as the swing set seating does not accommodate individuals with disabilities. It was decided to use the \$2,900.00 funds for another project. Ideas included:

- Benches along the east side of the shower building
- Mobi mat for a walkway next to the volleyball courts
- Beach emergency phone refurbish/installation

WI-FI in the Park: Bob Moore

The city of Grand Haven does not provide WI-FI for downtown Grand Haven as originally thought. The Grand Haven State Park is wired for service for credit card transactions. Charter doesn't provide options for large areas like the park.

Bob contacted Mich Wave and is waiting for a return call. Their website indicates a top end service subscription of \$200/month. He also contacted Jason Fleming of the DNR.

Bob will contact other State Parks whose campgrounds offer WI-FI (like Pentwater).

Concessions

The FGHSP asked Pat Whalen about the possibility of partnering with Greg Henry (Cabana Rentals) to expand his offerings next year. Pat told us that Greg would have the option to extend his rental contract for another year and that it could be modified. Pat suggested that we review the language of the FGHSP concession contract to determine the scope of our “vending”. There is a good possibility that the Pavilion will have a retail space option for the summer of 2019.

New Business:

Judi Mazurek asked about restoring the older drinking fountains that are currently not working.

Potential matching fund projects for 2019 are:

- 1) Mobi Mats (depending on what the State has planned for cement work in phase 3 of the paving plan)
- 2) Camp site extensions (using Park labor)
- 3) Additional beach emergency phone
- 4) New drinking fountains with water bottle refill stations
- 5) Wish list from Grand Haven State Park

Annual Meeting: October 15th at the Lodge at Grand Haven State Park

4 of the 6 Board Members are up for re-election. Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting.

West Michigan Volleyball Clinics: Bob Moore

Bob suggested that the FGHSP entertain a presentation from the West Michigan Volleyball group to investigate the possibility of sponsoring an event. The group liked the idea of sponsoring a skills clinic or a youth group division in one of the volleyball tournaments. It was decided to invite WMV to our October meeting.

Next Meeting: October 15, 2018 at 6:30pm, location: Lodge at Grand Haven State Park

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.