

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2016



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

President's Comments: Mike Mazurek

Mike shared an email sent to him by Nancy Wildeman inquiring about the use of the \$1300 still remaining in the State of Michigan matching funds awarded to the Friends of Grand Haven State Park in 2016. Nancy's volleyball tournament in 2015 raised \$1,750 to be used to purchase and install bike racks in the park. The FGHSP added \$850 to that amount and submitted a proposal for \$2600 to be matched by the State. To date, three bike racks have been purchased and one has been installed. The remaining two will be installed in 2017 as part of the park construction schedule. That left a balance of \$1300. Nancy communicated a request that those funds be used for amenities in the day use area of the park.

Items under consideration included:

Shuffle Board Courts – too expensive and a contractor cannot be secured this season

Bench near the day use playground – Matt shared that at least two donors are lined up to provide benches

The FGHSP voted unanimously to use the remainder of the funds (\$1300) for a swing set in the day use area, next to the playground. Furthermore, the group authorized Matt Shaver to spend up to \$1500 to ensure we cover shipping costs and additional hardware. The group expressed a preference for choosing two different seat styles: one strap and one bucket.

Matt informed the group that we may have two years to spend the matching funds from the state. Matt is waiting on clarification. While the group still elected to spend our remaining funds this year, the two year period might positively impact the new playground project.

August meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

Current cash in the bank = \$35,413.17

Deposits since August = \$6,589.67

Coke sales for July

Wood, Fire Rings and can returns

\$200 from Michigan Humanities Council grant

Expenses since August = \$1,434.80

Fire Rings

10 Pallets of wood

Coke sales YTD = \$8,613.20 (through July)

Matt Shaver reports that Coke fills the machines every Monday and Friday morning.

Charley and Pat Byrd sent the FGHSP a thank you note for the camp host gift card they received from us.

Annual Meeting/Open Meeting: Wednesday, September 21st, Room A at Loutit Library. 6:30pm

The agenda for the meeting was determined:

Mike Mazurek opening comments: FGHSP review, Playground Project overview, Feedback process review, Door prizes.

Matt Shaver comments: Park usage numbers, playground location and public access, Park/DNR/FGHSP collaboration.

Feedback session (tables with catalogs, ballot table).

Group members signed up for the following tasks:

Mike: Opening comments/Roamer
Vendor models, catalogs, video or PPT's and door prizes

Matt: Comments

Judi: Door prizes from Coke
Roamer at the meeting
Name Tags
FGHSP T-shirts
FGHSP Membership Forms

Karen: Refreshments and Refreshment Table

Jayne: Catalog Table

Dan & John: FGHSP Table

Dave & Sallie: Ballot Table

Becky: Catalog Table
Map of GH State Park Poster
Posters of Playground Site Plans
PC for videos and slide shows
Ballots
FGHSP Brochures

New Business:

Joyce Rhoades will be representing the FGHSP as a volunteer at the Salmon Festival this Saturday, September 17th. Thank you Joyce!

Meijer declined to support the new playground project.

A discussion about the problem of plastic bottles on the beach and/or improperly disposed of in the park did not lead to any resolution regarding recycling in the park. Matt Shaver and Joyce Rhoades both indicated that the former recycling program became too cost prohibitive and labor intensive to continue. It was noted that the park staff has done a tremendous job in cleaning up the beaches after busy holiday weekend days.

The FGHSP can collection barrels have been cleaned and stored by park staff. A big thank you to Matt Shaver!

The FGHSP have received a Request for Proposals letter from the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation/William H Young and Dorothy Young Mixer Field of Interest Fund. This foundation was established to support the projects that enhance the natural beauty of the Grand Haven area. Grant awards typically range from \$2,500 to \$8,000. Karen McKnight Casey volunteered to research the application process. The group hopes to be able to apply for a grant by the November 18, 2016 deadline.

Next Meeting: October 10, 2016 at 6:30pm, location Loutit Library: Cheapstacks Bookstore (tentative)

Open House: September 21, 2016 at 6:30pm, Loutit Library, Room A

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 8:10pm.