

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2018



Meeting commenced: 6:28pm at Loutit Library

President's Comments: Mike Mazurek

Mike received a quote from Game Time for the shade structure in the amount of \$20,000 plus an additional \$10,000 for installation. The group felt this was too much money.

The group decided in favor of not asking for matching funds from the State of Michigan DNR for projects for 2019. This was based upon several factors, including that the Grand Haven State Park supervisor position has not yet been filled. We also have several outstanding projects from 2018 that need to be completed in the Spring of 2019.

Pat Whalen said he could move forward with the pouring of cement for the playground benches and bike rack if the contractor was available and willing to do the work. Pat can order the benches and bike rack at any time. We reviewed the placement of these items:

2 benches and the bike rack adjacent to the campground playground

2 benches at the shower building

November meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

There were deposits of \$1,033.45 since November. This included the last check from Coke for \$733.45 and from AD Bos for \$300.00.

There were no expenses since November.

Current cash in the bank = \$33,904.84. We have \$5.00 in savings.

The income from can returns in 2018 totaled \$516.00, which was down from previous years. There are a few visitors in the park that collect cans and have been known to remove them from our collection bins.

Updates from Pat Whalen:

There were 72 applicants for the Grand Haven State Park supervisor position. Seven of those candidates were interviewed but none were selected. The position will be re-posted next week. The State hopes to fill the position this winter. Matt Schwemin will stay on until January 13, 2019.

The roof work was completed on the pavilion and the foundation work will commence in the spring of 2019. The State is working with a class from Michigan State University on design concepts.

Old Business:

Bob Moore talked with Rob at the contractor's desk at the Grand Haven Home Depot regarding providing water fountains with refillable bottle stations in the park. Rob will investigate with Home Depot and inform Bob of their desire to either donate the water fountains or partner with the FGHSF on buying water fountains.

There is no new information from the State of Michigan regarding the WI FI in the park program.

New Business:

It was motioned and approved to send a get-well food basket to Sallie Brinks, FGHSF member and regular meeting attendee, who is recovering from surgery.

Grand Haven State Park will work with the MRS crew again next summer to sort recyclables. Bob Moore referenced WEMEAC (West Michigan Environmental Action Council) as a group the State could work with on the recycle program.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Loutit Library

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.