

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2019



Meeting commenced: 6:37pm at Loutit Library

May meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

There were deposits since May of \$634.50. This revenue was generated by T-shirt, membership and water sales at the Kite Festival, donations and wood sales.

There were \$5,337.47 in expenses since May for 3 Beach Volleyball clinics, 10 pallets of wood, trash bags and ice.

Current cash in the checking account = \$4,259.06. We have \$5.00 in savings.

Interest YTD on our CD's = \$211.90.

Update from Pat Whalen: not present

Andy LundBorg, current out of class supervisor for Grand Haven State Park submitted two requests for the expenditure of the \$7,946 in remaining matching funds awarded to the FGHSPP last year for park projects that needs to be spent by October of 2019.

Replacement life jackets

Throw bags

There has not been any progress on the concrete work due to weather delays.

Bob Moore asked Mike Mazurek to follow up with Andy/Pat regarding the State of Michigan's plan for WIFI in the park.

The group also inquired about the status of replacing/repairing the emergency beacon.

Programs:

Dan Ruitter spoke with the band Sweet Justice regarding a summer concert appearance at Grand Haven State Park. They asked for specific dates. The group decided on a few options: July 16 – 18 or July 23 – 25. Our first choice would be Thursday July 18th.

Becky Newman contacted the Outdoor Center Greenway regarding the Birds of Prey program. They provided the following dates: July 17, August 12,13 and 14. The group picked Wednesday, August 14th.

Ideas for use of matching funds:

Life jackets/throw bags and/or lifesaving equipment.

Bench swings available from Game Time. Mike Mazurek has a quote of \$6800 for 4 swings including shipping. Installation and concrete pads are not included.

Shade option for Campground playground. The group liked the 10' x 12' gazebo structure which is estimated to cost \$2,500 not including shipping, installation or concrete pad.

Additional sections of ADA decking. Given the high-water level and the loss of beach area, this is not a pressing concern for 2019.

Improvements to the "triangle" area at the campground entrance to the park that used to serve as the trolley stop. Ideas included a drinking fountain, picnic area and bench swing.

Dave Brinks suggested that the FGHP may need to draft a letter to the State of Michigan DNR citing the lack of progress on completing projects in the park that we have already paid for.

Becky Newman motioned that the FGHP use the available \$7,946 matching funds in the following order:

- 1) \$1,000 for life jackets, throw bags and/or lifesaving equipment
- 2) Shade option for the campground playground
- 3) Bench swings

Dan Ruiter motioned that the FGHP use the available \$7,946 matching funds in the following order:

- 1) Bench swings
- 2) \$1,000 for life jackets, throw bags and/or lifesaving equipment
- 3) Shade option for the campground playground

After group discussion Dan Ruiter seconded Becky Newman's motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other

Greg Henry of GH Beach Cabanas has secured a shed for his rental and retail operation at Grand Haven State Park. He is selling FGHP T-shirts for us. Becky Newman will post that information on the FGHP website.

Next Meeting: July 8, 2019 at Grand Haven State Park.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.