

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2019



**Meeting commenced: 6:30pm at Loutit Library**

**President's Comments: Mike Mazurek**

Mike welcomed Jeff Miller to the meeting.

Mike updated the group on the status of the park:

High water levels have greatly impacted the amount of beach area.

The Pavilion is ready to open; the roof work is done.

The parking lots, except for striping, will be ready for Kite Festival.

The Channel bathroom building is open.

**April meeting minutes were approved.**

**Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek**

There were deposits since April of \$605.99. \$600 came from Coke (up front money) and \$5.99 from Amazon Smile.

There were \$340.48 in expenses since April for 10 fire pits, accounting supplies and \$25.00 start-up money for the camp hosts wood sales.

Current cash in the checking account = \$9,246.93. We have \$5.00 in savings.

Interest YTD on our CD's = \$158.75.

**Grand Haven Beach Cabanas:** no update

**Update from Pat Whalen:**

The entrance building for the day use area will be updated during Phase 3 of construction (Fall 2019).

There is a ribbon cutting ceremony to advertise the many park improvements at Grand Haven State Park, scheduled for Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>. The State of Michigan has invested \$7 million in Grand Haven State Park since 2008. Several FGHSP members will be attending the ceremony.

Andy LundBorg, current lead ranger at Silver Lake State Park, will be the out of class supervisor for Grand Haven State Park for the summer of 2019. The DNR will re-interview for the position in the fall of 2019. The DNR is also trying to fill the lead ranger position at Grand Haven with an out of class employee.

The approximately \$8,000.00 in remaining matching funds awarded to the FGHSP last year for park projects needs to be spent by October of 2019. To date the following projects have been funded:

4 Benches = \$3353.60

Bike Racks will be ordered this week = \$450.00

Concrete work will be done this spring = \$7350.00

2018 concrete work = \$900.00

### **Update on West Michigan Beach Volleyball Clinics: Becky Newman**

West Michigan Beach Volleyball has filled all the spots for the 3 clinics and is maintaining a waiting list. FGHSF are main sponsors and our logo will be featured on the front of the clinic t-shirts. WMBV is also including us in all their advertising initiatives. Judi Mazurek will send the \$2800.00 check to Pete Goers of WMVB.

### **Recycling in the Park**

The M.R.S. crew orientation is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>. Bob Moore put out the FGHSF 10 cent returnable containers throughout the park.

### **Kite Festival: May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**

The FGHSF will have a canopy and table at the event both days. We will sell water for \$1.00, T-shirts for a special Kite Festival price of \$10.00 and memberships for \$10.00. Becky Newman will make changes to the 2019 FGHSF brochure based on group feedback.

### **Commemorative Playing Cards: Mike Mazurek**

Mike heard from the organizing group behind this initiative to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of Michigan State Parks. Due to sponsorship issues and time constraints working with the State of Michigan, the playing cards are likely to be delayed until August, and the program could be in jeopardy.

### **Update on Wood for 2019: Mike Mazurek**

10 pallets of kiln dried wood have been ordered. The price per bundled increased from \$3.35 to \$3.85. FGHSF will continue to sell a bundle for \$6.00. In 2018, we ordered 11 pallets (715 bundles) and ran out with 3 weeks left in the season.

### **Other:**

The air compressor housed in the camp host shed is not working properly due to problems with the shut off unit. This is the property of the Grand Haven State Park and Andy LundBorg has been notified. Pat Whalen volunteered to investigate it with Andy.

**Next Meeting:** June 10, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Loutit Library.

**Please be prepared to choose the projects to be funded with the remaining \$8,000. We will also be finalizing which programs to schedule for the summer. Becky Newman will reach out to Birds of Prey. Dan Ruitter will contact the band Sweet Justice.**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.**