

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2019



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

**President's Comments: Mike Mazurek**

Mike updated the group regarding an email from Pat Whalen, who could not attend the meeting. According to Pat, the benches, gazebo and bike rack did not get installed because the Park staff is working on clearing out the Pavilion. As a result, the FGHP have been asked by a bench donor to refund his money (\$700). The group unanimously agreed to do so. It was also agreed that once the bench was installed, we would also install the memorial plaque for that donor.

There is a concern that the park staff views the FGHP initiatives as extra work for them, and perhaps our members could assemble and install the equipment ourselves. It was pointed out by several group members that our projects have gotten approval from the State of Michigan DNR and the Grand Haven Park staff.

The group is hopeful that a permanent Park Manager will result in a better partnership between Grand Haven State Park and the FGHP.

**September meeting minutes were approved.**

**Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek**

There were deposits since September of \$3,137.60. This revenue was generated by wood sales along with can collection deposits and a check from Coke for August (\$2,750.80).

There were \$750.00 in expenses since September for wood.

Current cash in the checking account = \$15,007.54. We have \$5.00 in savings.

Interest YTD on our CD's = \$430.95

**Old Business**

The Annual Meeting will take place on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> instead of November 11<sup>th</sup> due to Library space availability. Karen Casey will send an announcement to area media that the meeting is open to the public and we are looking for new members. We hope to have a presentation from West Michigan Beach Volleyball. Becky Newman will alert them of the date change. Snacks will be served (self-contained packages). Elections will be held.

GH Cabana Rentals: Mike Mazurek is working on getting the FGHP t-shirt sales reconciled with Greg Henry.

**New Business**

Mike Weaver attended the meeting and had some requests/suggestions for the group to consider:

- 1) Install way-finding signs throughout the park for restrooms, buildings and their amenities.
- 2) Keep the channel bathroom open year-round.

- 3) Install snow fencing between the 2 parking lots (running north – south) to keep sand off the road.
- 4) Set up more access points to the park during holiday weekends when orange fencing prevents entering.
- 5) Lower the prices at the food trucks and/or bring in more lower cost options.
- 6) Provide a marquee sign to advertise events and programs at the main entrance.

**Next Meeting:** November 18, 2019 at Loutit Library at 6:30pm

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

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