

Friend of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2019



Meeting commenced: 6:30pm at Loutit Library

President's Comments: Mike Mazurek

Greg Henry of Cabana Rentals sold 19 FGHSP logo t-shirts through July. He will be updating us on August sales and remaining inventory.

We ran out of wood at the end of August, therefore no wood sales over Labor Day weekend. Three pallets arrived today and all of it is in the camp host shed. We had a side discussion regarding Larry Brown who is the wood contractor for Hoffmaster State Park. He has a good reputation for service and quick delivery. He charges \$5.50/bundle to the camper and pays a commission to the park. The wood is not kiln-dried and is wrapped in plastic.

Cement work is slated for this week (9th – 12th).

In 2017, Mark Heizen purchased a memorial bench for \$700 and is still waiting for it to be installed at the campground playground. We have the bench and the plaque, and they can be installed once the cement is poured. Mike will respond to Mark's latest request to get it installed or refund his money,

August meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

There were deposits since August of \$4,921.18. This revenue was generated by wood sales along with can collection deposits and a check from Coke.

There were \$300.00 in expenses since August for the Birds of Prey program.

Current cash in the checking account = \$12,620.79. We have \$5.00 in savings.

Interest YTD on our CD's = \$375.55

Update from Pat Whalen:

Cement works starts tomorrow although the forecast is for rain. It is possible to apply for an extension on the spending of the matching funds through Matt Lincoln if the work cannot be completed. It will cost \$306.00 to increase the pad size to accommodate the Gazebo. That leaves \$794.00 for cement pads for the two sway benches. Game Time quoted \$2,065.00 for 23'x6'x16' pads for the sway benches. The group decided to have the sway benches installed in the sand instead.

Pat indicated that camp site extensions could get done this fall, weather permitting.

Pat submitted a tractor wheelchair request for Grand Haven State Park.

There is new signage at the Hoffmaster community beach that lists both beach conditions and biting bug alerts. The group was interested in a FGHSP logo version for Grand Haven. There is no signage at the campground entrance in Grand Haven.

The new contact station work will start soon.

New life jackets are needed for the 3 stations along the beach. They were formerly acquired through the sheriff's office from Tiara Yachts. These were vest style in 3 basic sizes: Infant, 30# - 50# and 50# - 90#.

2020 Project/Program Ideas:

Birds of Prey program

Fins & Fur: Discovery Center kids program

Music Concert: Sweet Justice. Possible tie-in with Pavilion grand opening

Volleyball Clinics

Wind-aided sculpture event on the beach: possible tie-in with Kite Festival.

Additional sway benches

Track wheelchair (if not donated). Questions regarding the Park Staff willingness to maintain, store and manage use

Andy is asking the Park Staff for ideas

Life jackets (if not donated): 9 each of the 3 sizes (vest style)

New Business

A motion to increase the amount of gift certificates for camp hosts in 2020 to \$50.00 was approved.

The group also approved the bulk purchase of fire pits for next season.

The Annual Meeting was set for Monday, November 11th at Loutit Library. We will ask West Michigan Beach Volleyball to present their ideas for 2020 clinics/events.

Bob Moore reported that one of the locks on the can return receptacle was vandalized and all the cans were taken. He recommended we no longer place a receptacle at the channel bathrooms.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2019 at Loutit Library

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.