

Friend of Grand Haven State Park
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2020



Meeting commenced: 3:30pm on Zoom

President's Comments: Mike Mazurek

Mike welcomed Andy Lundborg, Grand Haven State Park Supervisor, and made introductions to the members. Although it's been quite a year, as Mike said, it was not a total disaster. The FGHSP did better than anticipated from a revenue standpoint and we are all still here! Mike is looking forward to 2021.

October meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

There were deposits since October of \$945.76. This revenue was generated by wood, fire pits, cans, and Coke sales.

There were expenses since October of \$319.91. We purchased one more gift card for camp hosts and nine fire pits.

Current cash in the checking account = \$20,457.84. We have \$5.00 in savings.

Interest YTD on our \$25,000 in CD's = \$348.30

Update from Andy Lundborg:

Andy canvassed his staff and their top project ideas are:

- 1) Create ADA accessible pads in the picnic area and near the food trucks for the ADA picnic tables the park currently has.
- 2) Pour concrete to fill in the area on the west side of the main bathroom building between the sidewalk and the concrete benches to alleviate traffic hazards.
- 3) Additional site extensions in the campground.

Andy communicated that due to Covid 19 restrictions and understaffing issues, our uninstalled equipment remains in the garage. He is hopeful it will be installed this spring but suggested we might be asked/allowed to do the work as volunteers. Mike Mazurek mentioned that this is a top priority for the FGHSP.

Park updates:

- 1) Given limited staff and work restrictions, the focus for the park in 2020 was opening and closing duties with more frequent cleaning procedures required.
- 2) The park did install new bollards to close off access to the emergency exits.
- 3) Andy received approval for two new Rangers. The applicant pool is not very big, but assuming all positions get filled, the Grand Haven State Park will have six Rangers in 2021.
- 4) The park is maintaining the channel lot parking lot to keep it open over the winter.

- 5) The Pavilion construction had big setbacks first due to Covid 19 shut down orders and then the availability of subcontractors. Andy said that the new project managers are very good and have already resolved some of the issues that had not been completed up to code. As of now, construction can continue but could be affected by new orders from the Governor. The estimated completion timeframe is late January/early February 2021. It should be open for Memorial Day weekend.

The group asked about the usage of the park in 2020. Andy didn't have exact numbers yet but said that day use visits were good and camping figures were up through October. Revenue was down 8%, which is better than anticipated given the park didn't open until late June.

Bob Moore asked about the check-in station for the day use entrance. It has a new floor per state requirements but still needs utilities. It will be operational for the 2021 season.

Andy's final thought: 2021 at the park should look a lot more like 2019!

New Business:

Elections: The Board Member terms for Becky Newman and Dave Brinks will expire 12/31/2020. Both have been renominated. Both were unanimously approved. Their terms will expire 12/31/2023.

The Officers terms expire 12/31/2020. All four Officers were nominated for their existing position and unanimously approved. Their terms will expire 12/31/2022

Mike Mazurek: President

Dave Brinks: Vice President

Judi Mazurek: Treasurer

Becky Newman: Secretary

Financial Recap: Mike Mazurek

Mike will email the spreadsheets to the Board Members. We will discuss the proposed budget during the January 11, 2021 meeting. A recap of 2021:

- 1) We sold 730 bundles of wood vs 846 in 2019. We started late (6/22/20) and were out of inventory for 3 weeks.
- 2) We sold 29 fire pits vs 33 in 2019 and there were times we could not source any.
- 3) As expected, due to construction on the Pavilion, vending revenue was down. We took in \$2200 vs \$12,000 in 2019.
- 4) Revenue from returnable cans was also down. We only had 5 of 8 collection containers out, again due to Pavilion construction. We took in \$470 vs \$700 in 2019. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Bob Moore for doing all the dirty work.

New Projects:

The group agreed to submit a matching funds proposal to the State of Michigan DNR program to fund the installation of ADA accessible pads in the picnic playground and food truck areas of the Grand Haven State Park and provide permanent ADA accessible picnic tables. The number of tables will be dictated by space and budget considerations. Included in this proposal will also be additional concrete to fill in the area between the main bathroom building and the concrete benches on the west side. Karen Casey agreed to pen the proposal. Mike Mazurek will research the costs and forward to Karen the current proposal template. We will need a WHIP number from Andy Lundborg.

Next Meeting January 11, 2021 at 3:30pm. Location: Zoom meeting. Becky Newman will send the invite.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:23pm.