

Friend of Grand Haven State Park
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2021



Meeting commenced: 3:30pm on Zoom

President's Comments: Mike Mazurek

Andy Lundborg is not able to join the meeting as he will be conducting staff interviews.

January meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

There were deposits since January of \$177.75. This was from dues, can returns and donations.

There were expenses since January of \$2,283.74. This reflects \$234.48 in sales tax and \$2,049.26 for two defibrillators with child pad add-on and a 12 pack of extra pads in a variety of sizes. It was decided to purchase two refurbished units at a significant discount and remained close to our original designation of \$2,000 for the project. The defibrillators carry a full warranty and were approved by Andy Lundborg.

Current cash in the checking account = \$18,653.87. We have \$5.00 in savings.

Interest YTD on our \$25,000 in CD's = \$89.95. The CD's rolled over on February 1st.

Action Track Wheelchair:

Mike Mazurek welcomed Leigh Chick, representative for the Jack and Althea Goodale Family Foundation. This foundation has generously donated \$15,000 to the FGHSP to purchase an Action Track Wheelchair for Grand Haven State Park. Leigh is the granddaughter of Jack and Althea Goodale. She is also a special education teacher in Ionia and sits on the board for Alternatives in Motion. As a frequent visitor to the Grand Haven State Park campground, Leigh expressed delight in being able to bring this sponsorship opportunity to the Family Foundation. Her grandparents and the board approved the donation, and a check has been sent to the FGHSP. The friends group will purchase the wheelchair and present it to Grand Haven State Park.

New Projects Status Update:

The proposals for both projects have been submitted to the State of Michigan for matching funds. Thank you Karen Casey and Mike Mazurek! We should hear by April 2021 if our submissions are approved.

Mike commented that, given park staffing concerns, we may still encounter delays in getting our previously purchased park equipment installed.

New Business

Bob Moore:

Bob attended the last monthly meeting of the City of Grand Haven/Grand Haven State Park commission. A representative from Senator Victory's office was in attendance and mentioned that the FGHSP could reach out to them to help push our projects/initiatives.

Tim Wheeler, a graphic designer and cartoonist also attended the meeting. He is the creator of Cartoonversations and Rocket Cartoons. Tim communicated that he is looking for a print project focused on safety. Bob Moore suggested working with the FGHSF on a water safety booklet. It was decided to invite Tim to our next FGHSF meeting to discuss this project.

Pete Goers:

Pete has been in conversation with Elissa Buck regarding scheduling events at State Parks. Events are currently limited to groups of 25 through March 2021. Given the uncertainty of limitations over the summer, West Michigan Beach Volleyball is holding off on asking for funding from the FGHSF.

State of Michigan Friends Summit:

The annual friends group summit will be held virtually this year on March 4th and 5th. A schedule of events will be published soon.

Proposed 2021 Budget: Mike Mazurek

Mike adjusted the proposed budget for 2021 and emailed the documents to board members for approval.

Next Meeting: March 8, 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 4:28pm.