

Friends of Grand Haven State Park
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2021



Meeting commenced: 3:34pm on Zoom

President's Comments: Mike Mazurek

Mike thanked everyone for coming and congratulated the team on an overall good 2021! He also offered a big thank you to our Camp Hosts. Mike said he is looking forward to April 2022 when the V2Y group will be visiting Grand Haven State Park. According to their website, our State Park is on their schedule for April, and they have already filled their volunteer spots and are taking applications for backups. Andy Lundborg added that the necessary permits are taken care of.

The revised October meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: submitted by Judi Mazurek

There were deposits since October of \$1,044.53 from one fire pit sale, donation pole money, can returns, Coke (\$662.29), and AD Bos (\$279.74).

There were no expenses since October 2021.

Current cash in the checking account = \$11,076.58. We have \$7.36 in savings.

The value of our CD's = \$25,650.40

The vending machines have been moved to the Pavilion except for the two Coke machines on the boardwalk. They will be moved soon.

Old Business:

Update from Andy Lundborg:

The Park is closed, and seasonal staff were laid off the last week of October. The new rangers finished one week of training.

Work on the Pavilion will continue, and it will be operational next summer. An additional outdoor shower was added at the north end. The State of Michigan is currently collecting bids for the inside retail space. The new concrete work around the outside is effectively diverting rainwater away from the building. The plan is to staff at least one Park employee at the Pavilion based on staffing levels.

Camping numbers were up in 2021.

Update on the 2021 Projects: concrete work needs to be lined up and the picnic tables need to be ordered.

Update from Bob Moore: Water Safety Book

Bob and Becky attended an outreach/open house event at the Playhouse in Whitehall hosted by Tim Wheeler of Cartoonversations. They shared samples of the kids books that Tim produces with the friends group. Tim is reaching out to Brian Kellogg of the State of Michigan for necessary branding and approvals. We will need to provide a check to Tim to get the project started. Karen Casey has volunteered to write a grant request to the Grand Haven Community Foundation for matching funds. Bob reported that both Ludington State Park and South Haven State Park are potential partners. We also have an opportunity to work with Grand Haven Public Safety through our relationship with City Manager Pat McGinnis, to help us secure more books. It would be nice to have the books available for the grand opening of the Pavilion.

Fire Pits Update

Dave Brinks sourced fire pits online from Menards for \$28.08/pit. We will receive an 11% rebate (\$148) that can be applied to future purchases. Dave and Sallie had to pick up the fire pits, and it took them two trips to their house to get them all! Mike and Judi helped them take the pits to GHSP and load them into the storage shed. We will have 55 fire pits going into the 2022 camping season. It was decided to keep the sell price at \$35.00.

2022 Projects Update:

It is decided that the best use of our money right now would be to secure another Action Track Chair for the Park. Andy Lundborg suggested we include the fishing pole and umbrella holders, but not the toolbox or cup holder. Matt Lincoln confirmed that this chair is eligible for the State of Michigan Friends Group matching funds program. Bob Moore volunteered to contact Grand Haven City Manager Pat McGinnis regarding approaching the Chamber of Commerce for support. We could also submit a grant proposal the Grand Haven Community Foundation. As discussed in our October meeting, there may be a waiting list for delivery of the Action Track Chair.

It was motioned, seconded, and approved that the Friends of Grand Haven State Park will submit a 2022 request for matching funds to the State of Michigan DNR for one Action Track Chair.

New Business:

Elections

The following people were nominated for and elected to a 3-year Board Member term:

- Karen Casey
- Bob Moore
- Mike Mazurek
- Judi Mazurek
- Sallie Brinks

2021 Financial Recap: Mike Mazurek

Revenue = \$29,600. Our highest revenue ever was in 2016 (\$34,000)

Expenses = \$34,000. (\$28,000 was gifted for the Action Track Chair, picnic tables and defibrillators)

Vending = \$4,400. Our best year was 2016 (\$15,500). 2020 and 2021 greatly impacted by Covid and Pavilion closings.

Wood = 1200 bundles, our best year ever. The annual average has been 700 bundles.

Fire Pits = \$1700, also our best year.

Cans = we have averaged \$611/year over the past 9 years.

Mike emailed the recap presentation.

Next Meeting: January 10, 2022, at 3:30pm. Location: Zoom

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.