

Friends of Grand Haven State Park
Annual Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2022



Meeting commenced: 3:40pm at Side Bar Coffee Shop

Roll Call: Mike Mazurek, Judi Mazurek, Dave Brinks, Sallie Brinks, Bob Moore, Karen Casey, Arica Johnson, Andy Lundborg and Becky Newman

Mike welcomed the group and thanked everyone for attending.

The August meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

Deposits since August: \$6,122.46 from the sale of wood, fire pits and first check from Coke for \$4,187.50.

Expenses since August: \$50.00 for camp host gift cards.

Current cash in the checking account = \$29,690.90

We have \$5.00 in savings. \$2.26 was transferred to our checking account.

The check from Coke was for sales through August 31. We will be receiving a September and October check. We will also receive a check from AD Bos at the end of the season.

Old Business:

Update from Grand Haven State Park: Andy Lundborg

The ADA picnic tables are scheduled to be installed this month while the park has maintenance staff.

Funding for the Mobi Mats: Andy recommends applying for matching grant money from the State of Michigan DNR. If we want to put in a "sidewalk" from the day use circle entrance to the food truck area, we will need a sign-off from the State planner on mobi mat vs concrete. Bob Moore asked if the State of Michigan could secure better pricing. Andy indicated that Holland State Park paid retail prices for their Mobi Mat installation.

Judi Mazurek asked about the status of lengthening more campsites. Since Gary Jones left, that capital outlay project needs to be reevaluated.

The language on the camping reservation site has been improved to give better information on individual site descriptions. Updated photos have not been posted yet.

The MADC grant of \$200,000 (split between Holland State Park and Grand Haven State Park) for a beach warning system needs to be appropriated by December of 2023. Grand Haven has conducted a demonstration of one solar/cellular powered tower system.

The park has one vacant Ranger position and Andy is anticipating another due to a possible relocation of a current Ranger. The park has been approved for two dedicated, full-time janitor/grounds maintenance positions. These will be career positions.

Pavilion works continues! The park is working with the contractor to resolve:

- 1) Water damage from the leak above the ceiling in the first aid room.
- 2) The subfloor and tiles on the second floor that were incorrectly installed and need to be addressed.
- 3) Painting issues.

There was a big increase in both day use and camping numbers starting in 2021 and continuing in 2022.

Update from Bob Moore: additional Water Safety Books

No update. Bob is meeting with Tim Wheeler of Cartoonversations tomorrow.

Plaques for sway benches:

It is not feasible to mount plaques on or around the benches. The group decided that it is not necessary.

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President's comments: thanks to Y2V and Grand Haven State Park staff, all our outstanding projects were completed except for the installation of the ADA picnic tables. Concrete for that installation was completed. The tables are slated to be installed by month's end. Financial year to date:

- 1) 1162 bundles of wood were sold, and 38 bundles are left. In 2021 we sold 1200 bundles.
- 2) 35 fire pits have been sold versus 50 in 2021.
- 3) We recovered \$692 in can returns, versus \$620 in 2021.
- 4) Vending: \$4,187.50 through August from Coke as compared to \$3,521.13 for the same period in 2021.
- 5) Our inventory of wood, fire pits and t-shirts are valued at roughly \$3,100.
- 6) We have \$401 due in sales tax.
- 7) Our current net worth is \$32,477. This does not include outstanding receivables from Coke and AD Bos.

Secretary and Treasurer's comments: thanks to everyone for another good year. Let's bring back programs in the park for 2023.

Karen Casey: thanked everyone and gave a special thank you to Bob Moore who does all the can collecting.

Bob Moore: The response on our Facebook page to Track Chair announcements is tremendous and is by far the best thing we've been able to do. Karen asked Bob to share the response numbers to include in the report to the Grand Haven Community Foundation.

Board Members:

Of the seven current board members, 2 terms expire at the end of 2023 and 5 terms expire at the end of 2024. There were no new board member nominations, but Bob Moore suggested we invite Pete and Stevo from West Michigan Beach Volleyball to join. Mike Mazurek will contact them. Our newest camp hosts, if they remain in the Grand Haven area, should also be invited to join us.

Officers:

All four officer terms expire 12/31/2022. Current officers were nominated and elected for another two-year term to run from 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2025:

President: Mike Mazurek

Vice President: Dave Brinks

Treasurer: Judi Mazurek

Secretary: Becky Newman

New Business

Jeff Miller, FGHP member, recommended that we coordinate efforts with the Sustainability and Energy Committee run by Brittany Goode. Bob Moore offered to contact Brittany.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2022, at 3:30pm. Location: Zoom. Please bring ideas and information for 2023 projects and programs.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.