

Friends of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2023



Meeting commenced: 3:33pm via Zoom.

Roll Call: Mike Mazurek, Judi Mazurek, Bob Moore, Becky Newman, Dave Brinks, Andy Lundborg, Arica Johnson. Karen Casey could not connect due to internet outage.

Mike welcomed the group, thanked everyone for attending and provided the following summary:

- 1) The check for the Mobi mats project was sent to Andy Lundborg. Andy sent the gift and acceptance form to Lansing and hopes to hear from them this week. He can then order the mats.
- 2) Mike attended Ron Olsen's address at the Friends Summit (virtually) and shared two highlights:
 - a. The Passport revenue is distributed in the following manner: 50% to State Park capital outlay, 30% to maintenance, 10% to local parks, and the rest to forest recreation and State Park cultural & historical funds.
 - b. Three million dollars is set aside for Splash Pads at Warren Dunes, Holland, and Grand Haven State Parks. Andy clarified that this money is proposed in the governor's budget and not yet approved. It includes infrastructure for water safety such as loud speakers, warning lights and signage.

The February meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

No deposits since February.

No Expenses since February: there is an outstanding check for \$13,345 to the State of Michigan for the Mobi mats.

Current cash in the checking account = \$31,211.59.

We have \$5.00 in savings.

Old Business:

Update from Grand Haven State Park: Andy Lundborg

The Kite Festival is May 20st and 21st.

Updates on Mobi mats and splash park noted above.

Water Safety Book: Bob Moore

Tim Wheeler has written the second book (Be a Survivor) and the graphic artist is in the process of creating sketches of the characters, including one in an action track chair. The book is scheduled to go to the printer May 15th and should be available around Memorial Day.

State Park and City of Grand Haven Meeting: Bob Moore

The Park will open May 1st and is currently closed for sand removal projects.

An initiative by Rivian, the electric car manufacturer, awarded 4 charging stations to Grand Haven State Park. Unfortunately, Grand Haven's Board of Light and Power declined installing them and they have been given to another park.

The Earth Day celebration event is April 29th from 11:00am to 4:00pm at Central Park Place in Grand Haven. The Friends of Grand Haven State Park will have a booth at a cost of \$15.00. Bob Moore and Becky Newman will attend. The following items will be included:

- 1) Water Safety books
- 2) Stickers
- 3) Brochures
- 4) Sign up sheet for new members
- 5) T-shirts for sale
- 6) FGHSP Flag
- 7) Action Track Chair

New Business:

Brian Cryst sent a notification that our domain name will be expiring soon. It was motioned and approved to renew it for 5 years.

Mike Mazurek received a survey from the Ludington State Park friends group and will fill it out on behalf of the FGHSP.

The Tri-Cities Family YMCA will be conducting youth programs again this summer at Grand Haven State Park. They have asked the FGHSP and Soccer in the Sand to support their soccer program by providing 4 soccer nets. Soccer in the Sand has committed to providing 2 nets. The nets are estimated to cost \$500 - \$600 each. It was motioned and approved that the FGHSP will donate \$1,000 to the Tri-Cities YMCA for the purpose of acquiring soccer nets.

The group decided to participate in the Kite Festival, weather permitting! Mike and Judi Mazurek will be camping in the park that weekend and Bob Moore and Becky Newman are available.

Andy Lundborg confirmed that we have room to store 8 pallets of wood (6 outside and 2 in the shed). Mike Mazurek will place the order.

Next Meeting: May 8th, 2023, at 3:30pm. Location: Pavilion at Grand Haven State Park.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:19pm.