

Friends of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2023



Meeting commenced: 4:00pm at Oddsides.

Roll Call: Mike Mazurek, Judi Mazurek, Bob Moore, Becky Newman, Dave Brinks, Sallie Brinks, and Karen Casey.

Mike welcomed the group, adding it was nice to see everyone in person, and provided the following summary:

- 1) Thank you to Bob Moore, Karen Casey, and Becky Newman for working the FGHP booth at the Earth Day Celebration in Grand Haven on April 29th.
- 2) The youth program of the Tri Cities YMCA was very appreciative of the \$1,000 we gave them for sand soccer nets for their summer programs at the park.
- 3) The 4 ADA accessible picnic tables have been installed. They are not the same model that the FGHP picked out.
- 4) There have been some language changes to our insurance policy. Mike is waiting to hear from our agent to see if or how it affects us.
- 5) Matt Lincoln, State of Michigan DNR, sent an email confirming our request for matching funds for Mobi Mats and thanking us for our donation. Our check for \$13,345 has been cashed.

The April meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

\$5.00 deposit since April from Amazon Smile.

Expenses since April: \$2,582.80 for stickers, Earth Day Celebration booth registration, web hosting, Tri Cities YMCA, and 8 pallets of wood.

Current cash in the checking account = \$16,688.79. The \$1400 check for wood is outstanding. Judi will be sending WMBVB their check for the summer clinics (\$1,850).

We have \$5.00 in savings.

Old Business:

Update from Grand Haven State Park: Andy Lundborg not present.

We do not know if the mobi mats have been ordered.

Earth Day Celebration : Bob Moore

The event was very well attended during the entire afternoon. There were a lot of vendors participating.

- 1) We sold 8 FGHP t-shirts.
- 2) We gave out a lot of stickers, brochures, and water safety books. We have a case of books at the camp host storage shed.

- 3) Bob networked with many organizations, including an outreach to the Ottawa County Parks group. Collaboration ideas include them partnering with us on the water safety books and us promoting the county parks by supplying information to the camp hosts to share with campers.
- 4) Bob recommended that Andy Lundborg/Grand Haven State Park participate in the event next year.
- 5) Many attendees were not aware that the FGHSP existed or is responsible for the many amenities we have provided for the park. One person did take a membership application. Another individual contacted us via Facebook with interest.

Water Safety Book: Bob Moore

We are waiting to hear from Ottawa County Parks regarding participating as a sponsor before the books go to print.

Ideas for book distribution were discussed. Karen Casey will reach out to the school district migrant program again. She will also approach the Tri Cities Historical Museum. For distribution in the day use area of the park, Becky Newman will ask the concessionaire in the pavilion about making them available. She will also work on signage in the pavilion that promotes the initiatives of the FGHSP, the water safety book availability, the life jacket program and FGHSP summer programs.

Kite Festival

Bob, Becky, Mike, and Judi are all available. Peggy Eaton has volunteered to help.

New Business:

There will be two sets of camp hosts this season. We decided to provide gift cards based on \$50/month. The type of gift card was discussed but not decided on yet. One option not used before is Dune Dollars that can be used at over 60 places in the Grand Haven area, including the Grand Haven Meijer. We have done Meijer and Panera gift cards in the past. Here is the link to check out the Dune Dollars program:

<https://grandhavenchamber.org/dune-dollars/>

We will continue to use Coke and AD Bos as our vendors in the park.

Next Meeting: June 12, 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 5:00pm.