

Friends of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2023



Meeting commenced: 3:40pm at the Pavilion.

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

Mike thanked everyone for their participation in the Kite Festival. We sold 9 t-shirts, 15 bottles of water, added one new member and had \$12.00 in donations. We also had an emergency board meeting to approve an increase in the price of wood bundles from \$6.00 to \$7.00 to cover our cost increase (from \$2.75 to \$3.50).

The Friends Group received a thank you letter from the Tri Cities YMCA for our \$1,000 contribution used to purchase sand soccer nets.

There is no current contract/formal paperwork between the FGHSP and the State of Michigan DNR for either the vending program or our partnership agreement. The last vending contract was signed in 2015 and the last partnership agreement in 2013. Mike is meeting virtually with State of Michigan representatives to discuss the new vending agreement on Thursday, June 15th at 12:30pm. Beck Newman volunteered to join the discussion if appropriate.

The May meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

Deposit since May: \$1,110.70. \$10.62 from Amazon Smile, \$636.00 from wood sales, \$245.00 from fire pit sales, and the rest from Earth Day Celebration and Kite Festival sales.

Expenses since May: \$1,850.00 for West Michigan Beach Volleyball clinics.

Current cash in the checking account = \$14,549.49

We have \$5.00 in savings.

Our insurance provider sent us an advisory that the language of our policy has been changed to reflect that we will not be covered for sexual misconduct situations. Our policy with West Bend will renew in July. Mike contacted Ippel Insurance for a quote, and they recommended we stay with West Bend Insurance.

Old Business:

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

We do not know the status of the mobi mats. The brock docking has been installed.

Water Safety Book: Bob Moore

320 copies of the book "Be a Survivor" have been delivered. Bob noted that on page 11 one of the characters is pictured in an Action Track Chair! FGHSP members volunteered to contact the following locations for distribution:

- 1) 60- 65 books for the migrant program - Karen

- 2) The Pavilion concession store (?)
- 3) Tri cities Museum – Karen
- 4) YMCA - Bob
- 5) Visitor’s Center - Bob
- 6) Chamber of Commerce - Bob

New Business:

Birds of Prey: July 20th

- 1) Use outdoor location near food trucks. Becky will coordinate the PA system with Outdoor Nature Center.
- 2) Use Pavilion area in front of the store in case of bad weather.
- 3) Karen will send the electronic post to the Grand Haven Tribune.
- 4) Becky will drop off fliers to the City of Grand Haven to post in their downtown kiosks.
- 5) Bob will post on our Facebook page.
- 6) Becky will share posts with City of Grand Haven’s social media coordinator.
- 7) We will provide water and individually wrapped snacks.

ADA Accessible picnic tables:

Bob Moore noted that the new ADA picnic tables are routinely being occupied by large families. To help keep those tables available for handicap use, it was suggested that we put handicap logos on each end of the tables. The State of Michigan/DNR likely has a program that we can ask Andy Lundborg about.

Action Track Chair sponsor acknowledgement:

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation needs to be credited as sponsors on the State of Michigan/DNR handicap accessibility page for the Action Track chair at Grand Haven State Park.

Partnership agreement:

Mike shared with the group that the original FGHSPP partnership agreement with the State of Michigan/DNR documents the DNR’s responsibility to provide a suitable location for the friends group monthly meetings and annual meeting.

Next Meeting: July 10, 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 4:47pm.