

Friends of Grand Haven State Park  
Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2023



**Meeting commenced: 3:30pm at the Modern Lodge.**

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

Mike welcomed the group and thanked everyone for coming.

**The September meeting minutes were approved.**

**Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek**

Deposit since September: \$1,122.44 from Coke

Expenses since September: \$525.00 for 3 pallets of wood

Current cash in the checking account = \$20,443.72

We have \$5.00 in savings.

**Old Business:**

**Update from Grand Haven State Park: Andy Lundborg**

Andy has not gotten a response from Lansing regarding the Memorandum of Understanding discussion/meeting with the Friends of Grand Haven State Park. He will reach out again.

The park has been busier this fall due to fantastic weather. The campground will be open until October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The pavilion will be closing soon, and picnic tables will be stored inside.

Andy is waiting on quotes for the replacement drinking fountains with bottle fillers.

**Recruitment:**

Holly from GHACF referred Mike to Robin Lane of the Lakeshore Nonprofit Alliance (LNA) who are cosponsors with the Chamber of Commerce for the "Community Connection" event. She invited the Friends Group to participate in this nonprofit event on October 19<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that we are not able to attend this year but will plan on it next year.

Mike introduced the Lakeshore Nonprofit Alliance to the group. LNA offers training, seminars and exposure to over 200 member groups. The fee is \$60/year. It was motioned, seconded and approved that the Friends of Grand Haven State Park join the Lakeshore Nonprofit Alliance.

Hiring a professional recruitment company was deemed too expensive at this time.

We should have a presence at the Beach Clean Up events.

We plan on attending the Earth Day Celebration event again in 2024. Bob will provide the contact information.

More programming in the park might also be a good recruitment tool.

**Programming:**

Andy is waiting for a response from Holly Vaughn regarding information on the State of Michigan/DNR Explorers program. The funding for those personnel comes from a different source than summer park staff and would require a request for change submission from Andy.

A lively discussion was held about potential programming ideas! Here is the list and the person who volunteered to make contact:

Water Safety – partner with the YMCA (Mike)

Birds of Prey – Outdoor Discovery Center (Becky)

Youth Fishing Day - (Andy)

Coordination with the Gillette Center at Hoffmaster

Music Programs – partner with Walk the Beat (Becky)

Sing along for kids

Drum circle

Concerts

Puppet Show – Kids entertainer and author (Judi)

Partner with Loutit Library – (Karen)

Partner with the Light House Conservancy (Mike)

Sand Sculpture Instructional event – (Dave & Sallie)

Blackstone grill cooking demonstration – (Dave)

Local Girl and Cub Scout organizations re: possible interest in/links to programming (Karen)

The group also discussed surveying our user base for ideas. Andy will investigate adding a question to the existing park survey form. Other ideas included using Facebook survey tools, Survey Monkey (or similar) online form, and a paper survey available at the camp host site.

**Projects:**

Andy suggested three projects for the park, listed in order of importance to him:

- 1) Mobi mats to create a walkway connecting the food truck circle to the old single lane entrance.
- 2) Replacement drinking fountains (2) with bottle fillers.
- 3) Self-inflating (not automatic) life jackets for park staff.

**New Business:****FGHSP Future:**

It was decided that the January meeting would be a brainstorming session with the goal of creating a mission statement and articulating the benefits of membership. Bob suggested that we offer FGHSP logo sweatshirts as well as host a couple of group events during the year as some of the benefits. A community picnic (pig roast?) that was also a recognition of park staff was suggested.

## **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting will be held November 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. The location is to be determined.

Two board members have terms expiring on 12/31/2023. Both Dave Brinks and Becky Newman were nominated to renew their terms. A vote will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> during the annual meeting.

**Next Meeting:** November 13, 2023, at 3:30pm. Location: TBD

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

**Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.**