

Friends of Grand Haven State Park  
Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2024



**Meeting commenced: 3:35pm Camp Site 153 at Grand Haven State Park.**

**Roll Call:** Mike Mazurek, Judi Mazurek, Becky Newman, Dave Brinks and Andy Lundborg.

**The August meeting minutes were approved.**

**Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek**

Deposit since August: \$1,826 from wood, fire pit sales, t-shirts and donations.

Expenses since August: \$637.70 for band, snacks, water and \$100 Gift Certificate for camp hosts

Current cash in the checking account = \$4,900.03

We have \$5.00 in savings.

3 12month CD's: \$15,000 and \$380.31 in interest ytd.

**Old Business:**

**Concert in the Park Recap:**

The concert was attended by approximately 260 people. We gave out 92 snacks in addition to bottles of water.

The band played until 9:00pm and most people stayed until the end.

The event was advertised on Facebook: FGHSP, Walk the Beat, Grand Haven Informed and Spring Lake and Grand Haven Informed. It was also posted on the Grand Haven Tribune website as well as the Visitors Bureau.

**Action Track Chair Usage:**

From May 1<sup>st</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup>, the Action Track Chairs were checked out over 160 times. Most of the users reserve the chairs in advance. Mary Free Bed has taken advantage of the chairs for their clientele. Grand Haven did lend out chairs twice to other State Parks. Maintenance has not been a problem apart from the wheels popping off the bearings due to the sandy terrain. The FGHSP flags are not mounted on the chairs. This could be an issue with the mounting system and Andy will investigate.

**Mobi Mats**

Mobi mats are much less work for park staff than the brock docks. They do experience sand build up which results in uneven surfaces that the staff must smooth out. Dave suggested using conveyor belts underneath to create a wider area of purchase to prevent the sand build up.

## **Wood and Fire Pit Sales**

As of August 30<sup>th</sup>, we sold 568 wood bundles, compared to 690 in 2023 and 893 in 2022. We also sold 14 Fire Pits compared to 34 in 2023 and 27 in 2022. We have 22 wood bundles, and 9 Fire Pits left.

## **Park Update from Andy**

The State of Michigan DNR is currently 10 million dollars over budget on ARPA funded projects. There are projects that will not be approved as a result. Grand Haven State Park is maxing out the Board of Power and Light infrastructure which is aging and hard to maintain. There is no update on improvements. The Digital warning system was not an ARPA project and has been funded. The park staff has elected to manually program updates versus letting the weather service push it out. The weather service tends to be slow in updating current conditions and is not always accurate for the Grand Haven location.

## **Bylaws Discussion**

The FGHSF has not been successful in recruiting new members. Mike, Judi and Dave have all communicated that they will retire from the group in 2025. With only two active members left (Becky and Judith), it seems likely that the group will dissolve. Because our bylaws were amended in 2013 removing the DNR designation under the dissolution clause, we do not need to amend them further. We do need to verify the language in our written commitments with the State of Michigan regarding the disbursement of funds upon dissolution.

It is the desire of the group to spend down our current funds. Our CDs mature in February of 2025. We have additional income from AD Bos for 2024 vending sales. That will give us well over \$25,000. We will discuss options at our next meeting. Current ideas include:

- Additional Swing Benches

- Age 2-5 playground equipment

- Replacement drinking fountains with bottle fillers

- Mobi Mat for walkway between food trucks and day use entrance

- Additional Action Track Chair

## **New Business**

Ranger Paul is retiring this year in November. Plans for a retirement party are in the works. The group agreed we should do something to acknowledge and thank Paul for his long-standing service to Grand Haven State Park (since 1998!). Details to follow!

**Next Meeting:** October 14, 2024, at 3:30pm. Location TBD

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

**The meeting adjourned at 4:47pm.**