

Friends of Grand Haven State Park

Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2024



Meeting commenced: 3:32pm at Side Bar Coffee/Grand Haven.

Roll Call: Mike Mazurek, Becky Newman, Dave Brinks and Judith Hooper.

Mike welcomed the group and was happy to see everyone in person! He had an online “interview” with Voyager Michigan Magazine featuring the Friends of Grand Haven State Park. Unfortunately, the submission process did not work. Mike may decide to revisit the site and try again.

The February meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Mike Mazurek

Deposit since February: \$10.00 in dues.

Expenses since February: \$115.00 for Earth Day registration (\$15) and Van Andel Institute donation (\$100).

Current cash in the checking account = \$7,874.64

We have \$5.00 in savings.

3 12month CD's: \$15,000 and \$124.32 in interest.

Old Business:

Programming Update:

Water Safety – No update. Mike needs to confirm with Andy Lundborg the Park's participation.

Booklet #3 in the Water Safety series: Becky will reach out to Tim Wheeler for an update.

Birds of Prey: Date changed to July 17th. Mike submitted the application for a permit to the park.

Concert in the Park: The Fresh Water Fools (Dave Palmer band) can play either Friday, August 23 or Saturday, August 24. Becky will get confirmation of the date.

The Kite Festival is May 18 & 19. As of now, the FGHSP do not plan on having a tent.

Cans:

Judith contacted Bob VerDuin of the Boy Scout organization for potential interest in taking on can collection at the park. Although the program fits their needs, they do not have enough adult manpower to supervise the scouts each week. Judith's neighbor Martin Vander Brock may be interested. It was decided that if he became a member of the FGHSP, he would be covered under our insurance, and we could turn the collection program over to him. If Martin declines, Mike will ask Andy Lundborg to recommend a group.

City/State/Park Meeting

Judith was not able to attend the last monthly meeting of the State of Michigan DNR, the GH State Park, and the City of Grand Haven. She will be attending the meeting on April 23rd. Thank you Judith!

Lakeshore Earth Day Celebration

Central Park Place, Grand Haven: 1:00pm to 4:00pm (meet at noon at Central Park Place)

8-foot table and 2 chairs provided

Becky will bring: Water Safety Books, Display boards, FGHSF Flyer

Mike/Judi will bring: T-shirts, flag, membership forms, stickers

Andy will get Action Track Chairs to the site

Mike & Dave will ride the chairs in the "parade" from the Courthouse to Central Park Place

Becky will set up the table

Friends Group Summit

Mike is still considering attending. No one else is available.

New Business:

Andy Lundborg Update (from Mike)

A new electronic "red flag" system is being installed in the park by Memorial Day weekend.

It is okay to take delivery of 8 pallets of firewood by May 1st.

There are two new camp host families who will be assigned to the first month and the last month of the season.

Other:

Both Dave and Becky noticed that the Tilted Sky Runner playground equipment has been removed from the campground area. Mike will investigate.

We have 23 fire pits on hand. We typically sell 30-35 annually. Menards has them available at \$28.08 currently. We have \$189 worth of rebate money we can spend at Menards. Mike will keep an eye on sales events before ordering 12 more pits. It was decided to raise our sell price from \$35 to \$40 for 2024.

Next Meeting: May 13, 2024, at 3:30pm. Grand Haven State Park Pavilion.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.