

Friends of Grand Haven State Park
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2024



Meeting commenced: 3:40pm in the Administration Building at Grand Haven State Park.

Roll Call: Mike Mazurek, Judi Mazurek, Becky Newman, Judith Hooper and Jeff Miller.

Mike welcomed the group and Judi shared a thank you card from Dave Brinks and family for our contribution to the Van Andel Institute on behalf of Sallie.

There was a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Park earlier for the new emergency warning system.

The Park is not planning to reinstall the Sky Runner equipment due to safety concerns (picnic tables being moved for access). This is an extremely popular piece of playground equipment and the FGHSP will revisit this issue and look for a workable solution.

Communication with Andy L has been difficult. Mike has not gotten responses to inquiries or answers to questions that we need for planning our summer programs.

The Earth Day celebration at Central Park Place on April 20th was well attended and a decent number of people stopped by our booth. The Action Track Chair drew a lot of attention, and our ADA accessibility efforts were well received.

The April meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

Deposit since April: \$20.00 in dues and t-shirt sale

Expenses since April: \$4323.09 for printing, water safety books, 6 pallets of wood and West Michigan Beach Volleyball sponsorship (\$2,000 still outstanding).

Current cash in the checking account = \$5,571.55

We have \$5.00 in savings.

3 12month CD's: \$15,000 and \$187.87 in interest.

Old Business:

City/DNR Monthly Meeting: Judith Hooper

Judith attended the April 23rd meeting and presented FGHSP activities and plans to the group: Earth Day event, Water Safety Books, work with Senator Victory's office on water safety legislation, Birds of Prey program and August concert.

Andy Lundborg also attended the meeting and updated the group on sand relocation efforts, new emergency warning system and ribbon cutting event, an one window of east-facing restroom yet to be covered with translucent film as a means for reducing light pollution. Effectiveness evaluation thereafter. Judith responded that GHSP adjacent neighborhood residents would be contacting Pat Whalen and Andy Lundberg to schedule a meeting to address the lighting problem..

The city beach is still moving sand. The sand sculpture contest will take place on June 15th, sponsored by the Visitors Bureau. The Bureau is making their website ADA compliant.

FGHSP Visibility: Mike Mazurek

Mike asked Jeff for ideas to increase the FGHSP's visibility. Jeff offered several suggestions:

Use WAWL local radio station

Schedule a work session with Mayor Bob Monetza and City Manager Ashley Laatch

Participate in the Coast Guard Parade

Reach out to Save Our Forests (formerly Adopt a Hemlock)

Larry Burns/ GVSU Associate Professor

Programming Update:

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

Booklet #3 in the Water Safety series: Becky will be picking up the books from Tim Wheeler today! She will manage distribution to the Camp Hosts, the Park Registration office, the Visitor's Center, the YMCA and the Migrant Program. Becky will get a quote from Tim Wheeler on reprinting the 3-book series.

Birds of Prey: July 17th.

Concert in the Park: The Fresh Water Fools are confirmed for Friday, August 23rd. The FGHSP are considering offering free food in the way of a pig roast, barbecue or food truck. We need input/approval from Andy.

Next Meeting: June 10, 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 4:35pm.