

Friends of Grand Haven State Park
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2024



Meeting commenced: 3:41pm in the Pavilion at Grand Haven State Park.

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

Mike welcomed the group and reminded everyone of the dates for summer programs:

WMBVB Clinic: June 13

Birds of Prey: July 17

Fresh Water Fools Concert: August 23

The May meeting minutes were approved.

Update from Andy Lundborg:

Andy has received and approved the permits for the Volleyball Clinics and the Birds of Prey program. He will submit for the concert once the food/concession portion has been decided.

The new emergency towers have consumed a lot of the park personnel's time due to the growing pains of a new system.

1. The life ring cabinet immediately sends alerts when opened and has caused false alarms. New features are also being added via computer programming.
2. The final lights will be retrofitted (planned by season's end) when the installer recovers from a medical emergency. This will add three stacks of LEDs with a different viewing radius per level ranging from 50' to 500'.
3. The computer system requires updates.
4. Communication with Grand Haven State Park Facebook page is not part of the system and is still done manually.

Andy communicated that, according to what he was told, the City of Grand Haven and the State of Michigan representatives at the monthly meeting do not need an update from the Friends of Grand Haven State Park. It was decided that Judith would continue to attend the meeting when available and be prepared to share our activities if asked.

The sky runner playground equipment was determined to be unsafe by 3 playground inspectors that Andy engaged. The group questioned what would need to be done to meet safety requirements. Andy committed to investigating.

Andy will look over the MOU to help determine what options the FGHSP have for serving food at the Fresh Water Fools concert in August.

The FGHSP asked Andy if the Action Track Chairs/Trailer could be available to participate in the Coast Guard Parade on August 3rd. He agreed it would be but could not commit park personnel to drive it. Dave Brinks offered the use of his truck and is available that day.

On behalf of the camp hosts, Andy asked the group to move or consolidate the returnable cans as they are taking up a lot of space in the shed that is needed for firewood and fire pits.

Treasurers Report: Judi Mazurek

Deposit since May: \$512.00 from wood and fire pit sales

Expenses since May: \$0.00

Current cash in the checking account = \$4,083.55

We have \$5.00 in savings.

3 12month CD's: \$15,000 and \$186.87 in interest ytd. Note: the ytd interest in April was \$124.32).

Old Business:

City/DNR Monthly Meeting: Judith Hooper

Judith provided updates on the following topics:

1. Skyrunner playground equipment issue
2. Earth Day Celebration participation and feedback
3. FGHP increased visibility ideas
4. Summer programming events
5. Wate Safety Book #3: Riley Pledges to Save Her Friends

Programming Update:

Concert in the Park: The Fresh Water Fools are confirmed for Friday, August 23rd.

1. Option One: concert only from 7:00pm to 8:30pm
2. Option Two: concert and food truck voucher from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Becky will work with Dave Palmer on bad weather back up plans.

Coast Guard Parade: Saturday, August 3

It was decided that the FGHP would apply for a spot in the Grand Haven Coast Guard Parade. Our float will feature two Action Track Chairs. To be determined:

1. New banners to decorate the trailer or use existing banners
2. Walkers behind the float with candy to distribute to the crowd
3. T-shirts for walkers
4. Mike will ask Karen Casey to write a paragraph for the presentation of the float during the parade.

Next Meeting: July 8, 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 5:24pm.