

**Meeting Minutes
City of Cromwell
Carlton County, MN
Public Hearing
Cromwell Playground Proposal
March 28, 2012
7:00pm**

A public hearing of the was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 6:30pm at the Cromwell Park Pavilion

Present: Mayor: Samuel A Clark,
Council Members: Lisa Lund, Warren Peters, Tom Borglund, Ray Lally

Others Present: Greg & Jen Anderson, Steve Bridge, Shawna Koivisto, Warren Stenson, Ken & Sue Koivisto, Pam Fistere of the Voyageur Press.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Clark

Details of the Playground plans were handed out to the attendees at the meeting.

Mayor Clark discussed the scope and schedule of the playground project:

- The playground committee consists of Mayor Clark, Steve Bridge, and Jen Anderson. The project will bring people into the Cromwell Pavilion park from all around the area. Having a beautiful, well designed, ADA compliant playground in a community park attracts people to the community and will help to promote tourism and use of the park and Pavilion facilities. It will greatly enhance the aesthetic beauty of our park and give children a safe and exciting place to play while their parents enjoy our many facilities in the park area. It is another step by our community to attract people to build homes here and make Cromwell their choice for their future. The extended use of the park will benefit the local businesses and help maintain and grow our local economy.
- The project will be implemented in late 2012 or early 2013 and will be completed within two years, by the fall of 2014. The majority of the project is expected to be complete by the fall of 2013.
- The overall cost of the project is \$125,000 to \$130,000. The total area of the park will be 130 feet by 80 feet. This includes the equipment, landscaping, ground preparation and installation of the playground equipment. We will be using volunteer labor wherever possible to help keep the cost down.
- The entire cost of the project will be funded through grants and donations. There may be a need for some short-term public financing for initial implementation and purchase of the equipment. This will be repaid with continued donations and fund raising efforts. The two main fundraising efforts are the annual Caleb Anderson Memorial walk/run and the annual Community Harvest Festival. There will be additional fund raising efforts through the fire department and several local organizations. The City of Cromwell will provide necessary funding for upkeep and maintenance of the equipment and playground area.
- The system is very low maintenance. Wood fiber base is long-lasting and low cost. \$250 annual maintenance, \$50 vandalism repair cost per year, \$1000 three year replacement parts estimate, \$3000 ten year maintenance, \$500 grounds keeping maintenance.

Steve Bridge added:

- This playground will greatly increase the use of the pavilion park and enhance the experience of the people using the facility. He is working with Carlton County Economic Development to help provide addition grant opportunities and information on advertising the park to enhance tourism in our area.

Future upgrades for the project will include updated handicap accessible toilets, addition of benches and additional walk paths.

Mayor Clark asked for any additional comments or information from the public or the council. Being none, he adjourned the meeting at 6:52pm.