

Cromwell Area Community Club Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2023

The CACC meeting was called to order by President Kim Ochocki at 5:07 pm on Thursday, June 1, 2023 at the Cromwell Pavilion. Members present were Deb Switzer, Kim Ochocki, Tracey Goranson, Tom Ochocki, Dianne Knoblen and Sharon Zelazny. Guests present: Krysta Konieska

A motion was made by Sharon, seconded by Tracey to approve the agenda with addition of Raffle under new business. AIF. MC.

A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Sharon to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2023 meeting as written. AIF. MC.

Treasurer's Report - No report.

Mayor's Update - Mayor Sharon reported:

- Hwy 210 project almost completed. Some concrete had to be replaced due to spalling. Trees were planted today. Stripes painted. Sewer lines were re-lined; man holes sealed.
- The park has new shade structures from Jen Anderson.
- One rain garden was planted; two more to be planted soon. The drainage grant has 5 years of maintenance on the rain gardens.
- Trying to wrap up the park project. More blacktop is planned. The trench between blacktop and concrete will be blacktopped. The City will blacktop the small section of the road that is left.
- Highway 210 Culvert over the lakes will be replaced by MNDot starting July 5. They estimate 22 days for the detour.
- Tom J's last day is June 9. Have not hired his replacement. Will need to contract out the wastewater part. Can hire out for mowing, snow removal, etc.
- Savanna (clerk) resignation was submitted yesterday.
- The walking path to the Villa Vista is scheduled for 2025; proposals will go out this July.
- The League of MN Cities offers help in applying for a grant to renovate the interior of the Pavilion.
- The north alley paving was approved by the City Council using bar profits, however there are some glitches to work out.
- Rest room building bids were let; Ryan O for concrete; Jeff A for carpentry; need a plumber which is difficult due to commercial inspection requirements.
- Tree watering will be an issue. Discussed "Adopt-a-Tree" concept.

OLD BUSINESS:

MN Sings - Still need a venue to hold the local competition.

Roadside Clean up - Good turn out; thank you to those who helped. Approximately 30 bags of trash and 4 loads of brush/dead trees removed from our section.

Resident Guide - Kim is picking up the document from Valley Printing tomorrow. Tote bags with CACC logo are here; circulated a sample.

Membership Update - 34 paid members to date; 15 unpaid.

Food License - Still need to submit; Harvest Fest will be first food selling event. Not planning any other events due to ongoing construction at the Pavilion.

Flower Planters - Kim has planted three so far - two at gazebo and one at City Hall. Will meet with Tom on Monday to decide where to locate remaining planters. We will not place any at the Pavilion for the summer due to construction. All businesses have agreed to water them when they are open. Will need volunteers for weekends. Dianne stated there is a rain barrel at the Food Shelf.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kaleb Anderson 5K - Motion by Tom to donate \$100, seconded by Tracey. AIF. MC.

Raffle - Lynn sent information that the gun will be purchased and golf package is confirmed. Need third prize. Suggestion of several gas cards. Deb will check with Lynn. Officers will finalize and get tickets printed.

Northview Bank - The CACC was selected as the "Northview Bank Non-profit of the Month". A form and logo to be submitted; the club will receive a \$100 check in the mail.

Harvest Fest Committees -

Steak Fry - Cherie and Deb usually organize it.

Games - Need a leader.

Muni Activities - Krysta gave an outline of events planned for the Muni including Friday meat raffle and free juke box, Saturday Bloody Mary bar, patio games, vendor show case with prizes, acoustic music with Scotty Ostby, Back Lash booked for outside Saturday evening. Sunday will have a bloody mary bar and mimosas, a Vikings game at noon with pot luck at half time, patio games, possibly large prize at end of Vikings Game. Two food vendors want to be located at the bar throughout the weekend.

Beer Garden at Pavilion - times and location need to be confirmed by August.

Music in the Park - River Hill Rangers confirmed for Saturday from 1-4.

Bean Bags - discussed location close to beer garden for adults. Kids games and bean bags could be in the horse arena.

Vendors - worked well north of horse arena. 2 food trucks so far so may not need our own cook shack. 2 craft vendors have paid. Discussed a "vendor bingo" concept with a prize drawing for a completed card.

Pie Social - question who will bake for it and lead it? It was felt this should be continued.

Quilt Raffle - may not have one this year unless another quilting group donates one.

Kids Dance on Saturday Night - Suggestion to add this if volunteers can be found to host it/supervise it.

Parade - Need a leader; discussed ideas on holding a down-town stand-still parade/business expo vs at the park. Mayor suggested targeting townships in addition to Cromwell businesses since we draw from such a large area.

Ice Skating Rink - Mayor applied for another grant from Essentia Moose Lake Foundation to finish the project.

Next Meeting Date - July 6 at 5 pm at the Pavilion.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Deb Switzer, CACC Secretary