

U Cormorant Township PDATE Winter 2018



DREAMING BIG!

Last winter when Cormorant Township was awarded a \$5,000 grant, as the recipient of the Local Government Innovation Award, the township board looked to the future and decided to DREAM BIG! We became aware that the Minnesota DNR has an Outdoor Recreation Grant Program whose purpose is to increase and enhance outdoor recreation facilities in local and community parks. The grants can range anywhere from \$5,000 up to \$150,000 and are available to cities, counties and townships. As a township looking to enhance the Mill Pond Park, this sounded like a great opportunity for us, in spite of the fact that it is extremely competitive given the scope of the awards and who it is available to.



We started by asking for input from the community in order to come up with a vision of what YOU would like the park to be. After lots of great feedback from residents, we teamed up with the NDSU Department of Landscape Architecture, and the third-year students in this program each created a landscape design for the Mill Pond Park. In December, they came to the Community Center and publicly presented their ideas to many in attendance, and as you can imagine, there were a wide variety of ideas.

Although this is NOT the final draft for the project, it will give you an idea of how the planning process is coming along.

The next step was for the township board to determine which features we wanted to incorporate into our overall plan for submission of the grant. After subsequent meetings with NDSU's Associate Professor and Program Director, Matthew Kirkwood, and Assistant Professor, Yang Song, specific features were identified and incorporated into the plan, without removing any trees and using existing landscape features and buildings. The plan needed to be accessible, cost effective and implementable, as well as have a sense of place, by using all the natural assets of the landscape, knowing sun, shade and water are important to our community. Some of the ideas that we hope to incorporate include a central courtyard and stage, a sports field, a waterfront deck, additional parking, a trail system, shaded and sunny seating areas throughout, and native plantings.

Since it is unknown if we will receive any grant money, the plan also needs to be adaptable to the possibility that we may have to implement it in stages, as funds become available. The grant will be submitted by March 30 and awards will be announced during the summer of 2018. STAY TUNED!

UPDATE

Township Directory

Cormorant Community Center
10929 County Highway 5
Pelican Rapids, MN 56572

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ANNUAL MEETING ~ MARCH 13, 2018

The Cormorant Township Election and Annual Meeting will be held on March 13, 2018 at the Cormorant Community Center. Township Elections will be from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The Clerk position and one Supervisor position will be up for election this year. The Annual Meeting will begin at 8:15 pm. Some of the items which will be on the agenda include the 2018 Levy Proposal, the 2018 Election results and donation requests. Consider attending this year's annual meeting to see how your township works for you!

CORMORANT COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

Are you getting cabin fever? Is the winter getting long? Come on over to Cormorant Village and check out some of the groups that meet at the Community Center.

- ◆ Coffee Club - 8 am - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- ◆ Pilates Classes - 8 am - Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays
- ◆ Bridge Club - 9:30 am - Mondays
- ◆ Quilters - 9 am - 2nd Monday of each month
- ◆ Pinochle - 1 pm Thursdays
- ◆ Cormorant Area Art Club - 10 am - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
- ◆ Exercise Room and Track - open daily
- ◆ Story Time – 9 am - last Thursday of the month
- ◆ ECFE—9:00 am - Thursdays
- ◆ Free Wireless Internet Access and quiet work station

The facility is open from 5:00 am to 9:00 pm and the doors operate on an automatic open/close system. Check the monthly event calendar available in the foyer for exact times and dates of these events and GET INVOLVED!

CORMORANT DAZE MEETING

Monday, Feb 26 ~ 6:30 pm at The Pub. This is the first meeting to start planning for 2018 Cormorant Daze. New faces are WELCOME!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Cormorant Township is looking for someone to mow ditches and shoulders in the spring. To apply, please contact the township office .

DO YOU RECYCLE?

You may be surprised to know that a significant amount of money from the annual township budget is spent on maintaining THREE recycling centers. The township does their recycling through Becker County Environmental Services in Detroit Lakes, who come to empty the bins regularly. In addition, each recycle center needs to be plowed out when it snows, and weekly the lots are cleaned of debris that never made it into a bin or the inevitable lawn chair that some confused soul thought could be recycled with the tin cans.

Thank you if you ARE recycling! Not only is it good for the environment by reducing the amount landfilled, but it also preserves our natural resources and protects wildlife in a round-about-way. By recycling paper, millions of trees are saved, reducing the need to destroy animal habitats. This is just one of the benefits of recycling.

If you are NOT recycling, please consider changing your ways! It really does make a difference. With three recycle centers in the township, there is bound to be one conveniently nearby.

Please take a look at the chart below and make sure you are recycling properly.

LARL Library

The Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) operates a LINK Site in the lower level of the Community Center.

NEW Library Site hours
Monday 10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Thursday 10:30 am—12:30 pm
Thursday 4:00 pm—6:30 pm
218-439-3072
cormorant@larl.org

Historical Room

The Historical Room, located in the library, was created by a former teacher and long-time resident, Mary Erickson and is modeled after a one-room school house, with photos, journals, reference books and historical accounts of the village. These are available for checkout.

glass
bottles and jars
any color

Clear, brown or green bottles, jugs or jars, drinking glasses. Must be clean with cap removed.

cardboard
dry, flattened,
no food contact

Corrugated boxes (flattened); Paper board (Kleenex, cereal, beverage boxes).
NO food contaminated boxes such as pizza boxes and no 'freezer' boxes.

plastic
bottles and jugs
any color

Numbers 1 through 7 --must be clean with tops removed.
~ look for recycling triangle on bottom of container- number is inside triangle
NO Plastic Bags
NO Baby diapers
NO Silage wrap

paper
clean and dry
no food contact

All junk mail, brochures, magazines, newspapers, anything delivered in a Sunday paper, any colored bond paper, manila file folders, adding machine paper, envelopes, and copy or fax paper.

metal
aluminum and tin

Clean aluminum cans, Tin or Steel cans, dried empty paint cans (lid removed), empty aerosol cans, and small pieces of scrap metal.

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CORMORANT TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Cormorant Community Center

Township Elections 5:00 pm—8:00 pm

Annual Meeting 8:15 pm

Come to the meeting & see how your township works!



Thursdays at the Community Center 9:00 am—10:00 am

February 22	Friendship
March 22	Spring Magic
April 19	Showers of Fun

Adults stay while your children enjoy stories, crafts and snacks. Geared for children up to 6 years old. This is a FREE event sponsored by the Township.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to assemble scrapbooks for the historical room
Contact Susie Braseth at 532-2404