

Town Of Cortland
Town hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
Park Advisory Committee
Minutes
September 9, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order / Roll Call

Committee Chair Ms. Fioretto called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Ms. Fioretto called the roll call as present Committee Members, Mariann Kaminski, Curtis Kouba, Trent Moser, Josh Orr, Liz Botts, and Michelle Bergeson. Committee member Angel Mendez was absent. Quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Kaminski moved to approve the agenda with the amendment removing approval of August's minutes, seconded by Mr. Kouba. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were not printed and available for review by the committee. The review of the minutes has been tabled until the next meeting.

Hearing of Staff/Citizens

No one wished to speak at this time.

New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

Unfinished Business for Discussion and Possible Action

Discussion of Signage for Newly Named Parks

The committee discussed potential new signage for the newly named parks with Steve Irman, a local business owner. Steve agreed to create a mock-up for a dedication sign for the future Legacy Park in honor of Bill Abbott. He will provide design options and pricing information for the committee to review at the next meeting.

Discussion of Trees to Be Added to the Parks

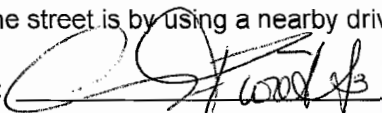
The committee collectively agreed that additional trees should be planted in each of the town's parks. Members discussed replacing several older trees in Welsh Park that have died and adding a few new trees in Walnut Park. The committee compiled a list of tree types and suggested planting locations, which will be shared with the Public Works Department for possible installation.

Discussion of Cancelling October Meeting

Chair Fioretto mentioned the possibility of reducing the meeting schedule as the committee moves into the fall and winter seasons. She suggested cancelling the October 15th meeting, and the entire committee was in favor. It was decided that the next meeting will be held on November 12th.

Ideas for the Future of Cortland Parks

It was noted that the walking path at McPhillips Park currently ends at the sidewalk, and the only way to access the street is by using a nearby driveway. Mr. Moser suggested extending the walking path directly

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to the street to improve accessibility. The committee was unanimous in supporting this change, and it will be brought to the Public Works Department for input.

Adjournment

Chair Fioretto asked if there was any additional business to discuss.

With no further items brought forward, Chair Fioretto called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Ms. Kaminski and seconded by Mr. Kouba. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charmaine Fioretto
Cortland Town Trustee
Cortland Park Advisory Committee Chair

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