

Town Of Cortland
Town hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
Park Advisory Committee
Minutes
November 12, 2024
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order / Roll Call

Committee Chair Ms. Fioretto called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. Ms. Fioretto called the roll call as present Committee Members, Mariann Kaminski, Liz Botts, Michelle Bergeson, Angel Mendez, and Josh Orr. Committee members Curtis Kouba and Trent Moser were absent. Quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Bergeson moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Ms. Kaminski. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of September 10, 2024. Mr. Moser moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Orr. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Hearing of Staff/Citizens

No staff or citizens wished to speak.

Unfinished Business for Discussion and Possible Action

Discussion of the Park Bench and Tree Program.

Chair Fioretto inquired if there were any topics anyone wanted to discuss regarding the tree and park bench program. The committee discussed that the program's official rollout would need to be postponed until spring. Mr. Kouba, who was absent, still needed to provide the map information, and the committee was awaiting that before moving forward.

Future of Cortland Community Parks

The board was informed that a resident inquired about the town's plans for adding a disc golf course. After discussion, the board agreed that this is still a project they would like to pursue. The main challenge is finding a suitable location that allows for a more challenging course. The possibility of using Suppeland Park or the land across from it was explored, as both could potentially accommodate the course.

Additionally, several board members expressed interest in creating a soccer field. While it may not be regulation size, the goal is to provide a space where both children and adults can play

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and practice. The park committee decided to visit the area parks when the weather improves to assess which locations might be suitable for this project.

Mr. Orr inquired about the ice rink the town used to set up during the winter months, asking if there might be interest in bringing it back in the future. He also suggested that if maintenance was a concern, perhaps investing in a synthetic ice rink could be a viable option. Chair Fioretto agreed to look into whether the town still had the old equipment and mentioned that the committee would research the costs of synthetic ice rinks to determine if it could be a feasible addition to a future parks wish list.

The committee also agreed that Welsh Park should be prioritized for improvements in the spring. One suggestion is to add a new piece of playground equipment, such as a jungle gym spiderweb, as the current equipment is outdated, and the park is frequently used by children.

Discussion About December and January Meetings.

Chair Fioretto suggested reducing the number of meetings during the winter season, noting that not much progress can be made during the colder months, particularly with the busy holiday season approaching. The board agreed with this proposal, and it was decided to cancel the meetings for December and January. The next meeting will be held on February 11, 2025.

Adjournment

Mr. Orr moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Kaminski. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charmaine Fioretto 
Cortland Town Trustee
Cortland Park Advisory Committee Chair

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