

Town Of Cortland
Town hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
Park Advisory Committee
Minutes
May 12th, 2026
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order / Roll Call

Committee Chair Ms. Fioretto called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Ms. Fioretto called the roll call as present Committee Members Curtis Kouba, Mariann Kaminski, Josh Orr, and Trent Moser. Committee members Michelle Bergeson and Liz Botts were absent. Quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Orri moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Kaminski. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Fioretto read the Consent Agenda into the record. Approval of Park Advisory Committee Minutes for March 10,260. Mr. Kouba made the motion, and Mr. Orr seconded. Unanimous vote carried the motion.

Hearing of Staff/Citizens

Two members of the public attended the meeting. They were interested in observing the committee as they are considering joining in the future. They also inquired about whether the Town has a tree donation program, and the committee confirmed that such a program is available.

New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

Discuss fundraising idea for future park improvements

Committee members discussed several potential fundraising opportunities to support future park improvements. Ideas included holding a 50/50 raffle or raffling donated tickets and other items during Summer Fest. Another suggestion was to offer commemorative bricks for purchase at Legacy Park, with a portion of the proceeds dedicated to park improvements.

Additional ideas included seeking donations from local businesses in the form of funds, lumber, trees, shrubs, or other materials. The committee agreed that if any type of raffle or fundraising campaign is conducted, it is important to clearly communicate how the funds will be used.

Unfinished Business for Discussion and Possible Action

Discussion of Ideas for the future of Cortland Community Parks

The idea of establishing a dog park was discussed again. Committee members explored potential locations and agreed that an area near Dragon's Tail Pond may be a suitable site for a future dog park.

The committee felt this location has potential and agreed to continue discussing the concept at future meetings.

Members also requested a larger map of the Dragon's Tail Pond area, along with improved maps for all town parks to help the committee plan better for the future if the parks.

The committee discussed the possibility of utilizing volunteers to assist with planting trees if tree donations become available. This approach could help reduce costs and lessen the workload of the Public Works Department.

Additionally, the committee agreed that having a dedicated section in the Town newsletter would be beneficial for sharing updates on park improvements, completed projects, and future plans. Members felt that many residents are unaware of the Parks Committee and may not realize the improvements that have been made to the parks or the initiatives currently being considered for the future.

Adjournment

Chair Fioretto asked if there was any additional business to discuss and announced that the next meeting will be held on June 9.

With no further items brought forward, Chair Fioretto called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. Kouba. and seconded by Ms. Kaminski. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



6/9/2026

Respectfully Submitted,

Charmaine Fioretto
Cortland Town Trustee
Cortland Park Advisory Committee Chair