

Town Of Cortland
Town hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
Park Advisory Committee
Minutes
July 15, 2025

Call to Order / Roll Call

Committee Chair, Ms. Fioretto called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Ms. Fioretto called the roll. Shown as present Committee Members, Liz Botts, Mariann Kaminski, and Michelle Bergeson. Committee members Trent Moser, Angel Mendez, Josh Orr, and Curtis Kouba were absent. Quorum was **not** present. Also present were Public Works Director Joel Summerhill and Town Engineer Brandy Williams.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Kaminski moved to approve the minutes of June 10, 2015, seconded by Ms. Bergeson. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

Hearing of Staff/Citizens

No one wished to speak at this time.

New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

There was no new business for discussion.

Unfinished Business for Discussion and Possible Action

Discussion of Current Park Projects with Joel Summerhill and Brandy Williams

The committee met with Joel Summerhill and Brandy Williams to discuss several ongoing and upcoming park projects.

Volleyball Court Location

Discussion of the new volleyball court initially planned for Suppleland Park. Mr. Summerhill raised concerns about the removal of mulch and noted that visitors have been tracking sand and agate from the nearby baseball field over to the splash pad. He expressed concern that sand from the proposed volleyball court could also end up at the splash pad. After discussion, the committee agreed that Suppleland Park may not be the best location for this court. With input from Mr. Summerhill and Ms. Williams, the Committee will make made to recommend relocation of the volleyball court to McPhillips

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Park. Mr. Summerhill requested that this change be brought to the town board for approval.

Soccer Nets at Suppleland Park

The committee discussed the addition of soccer nets for kids to practice. It was decided that these would be better suited for the area originally designated for the volleyball court at Suppleland Park.

McPhillips Park Shelter Update

Mr. Summerhill provided an update on the new shelter at McPhillips Park. The concrete pad will measure 25' x 25' and is expected to be completed within the next few weeks. A sidewalk will connect the shelter to the pathway near the merry-go-round, and the project is expected to be finished by Labor Day.

Skate Park Relocation to Hetchler Park

The committee inquired about moving the skate park to Hetchler Park. Mr. Summerhill noted that he is nearly ready to proceed and asked that this also be brought to the town board for approval before the move takes place.

Welsh Park Equipment

Chair Fioretto asked about the playground equipment discussed earlier this year as part of the budget. The committee would like to add a few new pieces to Welsh Park. Mr. Summerhill requested that the pictures and catalog be resent so he can review and follow up.

Cortland Community Park Development

There were several questions about which areas of land at Cortland Community Park can be used. Designated detention areas exist. Ms. Williams provided helpful guidance and showed the committee potential areas that could be developed in the future.

Chestnut Grove Park - Disc Golf Discussion

The idea of using the park in Chestnut Grove as a disc golf course was revisited. After reviewing the layout with Mr. Summerhill and Ms. Williams, the committee concluded that due to the surrounding residential homes, it would not be an ideal location. However, there is potential space near Dragon Tail Pond that could be developed for disc golf in the future. Access improvements would be needed before any work could begin.

Dragon Tail Pond

The pond was discussed, including the possibility of adding a solar-powered water feature to help with aeration.

Future Park 50 W Maple Ave Property

The committee discussed the potential park space. At the next meeting, the committee will work on developing a plan for the park. The goal is to hold a sign dedication on the

west side of the parcel with a sign installation in late September or early October to mark the future site.

Adjournment

Chair Fioretto asked if there was any additional business to discuss. With no other topics brought forward, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Kaminski and seconded by Ms. Bergeson. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charmaine Fioretto
Cortland Town Trustee
Cortland Park Advisory Committee Chair

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Date