

Town Of Cortland
Town hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
Park Advisory Committee
Minutes
May 14, 2024
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order / Roll Call

Committee Chair Ms. Fioretto called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Ms. Fioretto called the roll. Shown as present Committee Members, Mariann Kaminski, Curtis Kouba, and Josh Orr. Committee members Michelle Bergeson, Liz Botts, Trent Moser, and Angel Mendez were absent. Quorum was present. Mr. Moser arrived at the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Orr moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Kouba. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Consent Agenda

Chair Fioretto read the Consent Agenda into the record. Approve the minutes of April 10, 2024. Mr. Kouba moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. Kaminski, A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Hearing of Staff/Citizens

No staff or citizens wished to speak.

New Business

Discussion of the Park Program.

Mr. Kouba presented the board with aerial views of each park and the walking trails. The committee discussed what parks would be good to start with for benches to be purchased for the park bench program. The committee also talked about where to place park benches. The committee agreed to visit the current parks before the next meeting to discuss the placement of the benches we discussed. Mr. Kouba volunteered to look into other towns' park bench programs to help develop the paperwork needed.

Future of Cortland Community Parks

Chair Fioretto mentioned that the Public Works Director asked if the committee still wanted an outdoor ping pong table or would rather add another bags game. The committee was torn, everyone felt like two bag sets were a good idea but also liked the idea of the ping pong table. The committee decided they would like to know what type of ping pong table was in mind for

purchasing. The committee agreed if the table is artistic-in style they would opt to stick with the ping pong as it would also add visual interest to the park.

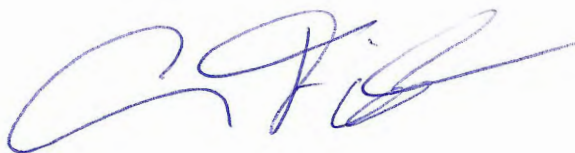
Chair Fioretto was asked to bring the possibility of adding Abbott Park to the list of park names from Town Trustee Corson. Mr. Corson told Chair Fioretto during the last town board meeting about a petition on Facebook for Mr. Abbott. Mr. Corson said he would leave the petition names in her mailbox to present at the next Parks Advisory Committee meeting. Chair Fioretto never received the petition results for the meeting. The Park Advisory Committee was aware of the petition going around on Facebook. The committee would have liked to have seen the petition results. The committee was concerned that the petition on Facebook did not have locations with names, just names. They felt it was important for those who signed the petition to be only from the town of Cortland. The parks committee was concerned about not being fair to other residents going forward. The committee felt along with what Mayor Pietrowski had requested, to not use names of people, in the titles of our parks going forward. The committee all felt that Mr. Abbott deserves recognition for his dedication to the Town of Cortland but wanted to stick with their decision and not name any parks after residents. The committee would like to honor Mr. Abbott with something named after him with a plaque, in a park to be named Legacy Park or Founders Park, to be determined. The idea behind this park is to honor those from the past, present, and future. The committee unanimously voted to keep the current list of park names and not make any changes.

Chair Fioretto asked if there was anything else anyone would like to discuss. Everyone felt there was nothing to discuss. The next meeting will be held on June 11th.

Adjournment

Mr. Moser moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Kaminski. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charmaine Fioretto
Cortland Town Trustee
Cortland Advisory Committee Chair