

Town Of Cortland
Town hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
Park Advisory Committee
Minutes
August 13, 2024
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order / Roll Call

Committee Chair Ms. Fioretto called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Ms. Fioretto called the roll. Committee Members shown as present were Mariann Kaminski, Curtis Kouba, Angel Mendez, Michelle Bergeson, Josh Orr, and Liz Botts. Also present was Joel Summerhill. Committee member Trent Moser was absent. Quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Orr moved to approve the minutes of July 9, 2024, as amended, seconded by Ms. Bergeson. 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 Program.

Ms. Bergeson presented the board with an example application for the town's bench and tree donation programs to review. The committee reviewed the application and made a few additions and changes. Ms. Bergeson was to make the changes to be approved at the next board meeting. Mr. Summerhill said the first bench of the bench donation program would be installed soon. There was also discussion on the types of trees that would be available to donate. The committee was to call around and get some tree prices to be able to discuss price options for the tree donation program at the next meeting.

Future of Cortland Community Parks

Joel Summerhill mentioned he would like suggestions from the committee on where to place the new bags games and the sand volleyball court. The committee all agreed to take a trip to the town parks individually before the next meeting to discuss the best options. Chair Fioretto asked if the town was still considering a shelter this year at

McPhillips Park. Mr. Summerhill said it's possible, but it might be better to wait until next season. The town was trying to get a grant for assistance but that did not come through.

Dragon's Tail Pond-Future Improvement Ideas

The committee asked Mr. Summerhill if it would be possible to have a path go all the way around the pond. He said maybe but there was more research to be done. The committee would like a long-term goal for a small bridge to cross over to be able to extend the walking path further around the pond. It was brought up about stocking the pond. Mr. Summerhill said unfortunately, the pond is too shallow to do that. The pond could be dug out and could be stocked but they would have to kill off all of the current fish in the pond to do so. It was not something the town had felt would be a good idea; the committee agreed. Mr. Orr mentioned it would be nice to have a small dock. Everyone felt the same that this would make for easier access with small non-motorized watercraft. There was also talk about more benches and shade trees around the pond area. Chair Fioretto asked if there was anything else anyone would like to discuss; everyone felt there were no further discussions to be had. The next meeting will be held on September 10, 2024.

Adjournment

Mr. Kouba moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Kaminski. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charmaine Fioretto
Cortland Town Trustee
Cortland Advisory Committee Chair

