



Town of Cortland Parks Advisory Committee

Town Hall, 59 S. Somonauk Road Cortland, IL 60112

June 09, 2026

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK

No public was present wishing to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the Parks Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2026

Chair Fioretto read the Consent Agenda into the record. Approval of Park Advisory Committee Minutes for May 12, 2026. Mr. Moser made the motion, and Ms. Botts seconded. Unanimous vote carried the motion.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2. Welcome New Committee Member

Chair Fioretto recommended tabling the welcome of the new committee member until the next meeting, as the individual was unable to attend. The committee agreed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

3. Review Parks Committee Information for the Town Newsletter

Josh Orr had volunteered to prepare a draft newsletter but was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Pietrowski reported that he had spoken with Josh and that the draft had been emailed. Chair Fioretto noted that she had not received the newsletter in time for the meeting and would distribute the information to committee members once it was received so everyone could provide feedback before it is finalized.

Approved _____

4. Discussion of Ideas for the Future of Cortland Community Parks

The committee discussed whether it should continue meeting monthly or transition to every other month, given the committee's limited funding and the current workload of the Public Works Department. Members agreed they wanted to continue meeting regularly, but also wanted to ensure meetings remained productive and focused on meaningful projects. Mayor Pietrowski suggested that the committee begin developing a comprehensive parks plan to help guide future improvements and identify long-term priorities. The committee also discussed researching community grants to help fund future park projects. Chair Fioretto encouraged committee members to submit agenda items prior to each meeting to help ensure productive discussions.

Ms. Bergeson volunteered to compile a list of the committee's accomplishments and improvements made at each park for inclusion in both the town newsletter and future committee discussions. Committee members also asked Mayor Pietrowski if he would consider sharing updates on recent park improvements through the Town's Facebook page to better inform residents about the committee's work. Chair Fioretto noted that, despite limited funding, the committee has accomplished a great deal over the past several years and should continue building on that success.

The committee agreed that development of a comprehensive parks plan will be a primary discussion item at the next meeting. The committee also discussed the dedication of Legacy Park with Mayor Pietrowski; the tentative date of August 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. was selected, pending the availability of Mr. Abbott and his family.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fioretto announced that the next Parks Advisory Committee meeting will be held on July 14, 2026. With no further business to come before the committee, Ms. Kaminski moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Bergeson. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Charmaine Fioretto
Cortland Town Trustee
Cortland Park Advisory Committee Chair

7/14/2026

Approved

