

Town of Cortland
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
Park Advisory Committee
Minutes
February 13, 2024
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order / Roll Call

Committee Chair Fioretto called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Ms. Fioretto called the roll call as present Committee Members Michelle Bergeson, Angel Mendez, Mariann Kaminski, Josh Orr, Trent Moser, and Curtis Kouba. Committee member Liz Botts was absent. Quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Chair Fioretto read the Consent Agenda into the record. Approve the minutes of December 12th, 2023. Mr. Kouba moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. Bergeson. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Hearing of Staff/Citizens

A resident spoke up to ask about having the minutes on the Cortland web page. She said that she likes to follow what's going on. She also asked for Ms. Fioretto's email.

New Business

Discussion of name suggestions for three unnamed parks:

Chair Fioretto mentioned in previous meetings it has been difficult to discuss some of the parks in town because we have three unnamed parks. A list of possible park names was created. The committee decided to continue the conversation to the next meeting and vote on their top suggestions at the next meeting.

Future of Cortland Community Parks

The committee discussed having park benches that could be sponsored/donated to parks in honor of someone. Chair Fioretto presented the committee with a park bench style given to her by Mr. Summerhill. Information also included rough cost estimates. The committee decided that we need to get current overhead pictures of each park to be able to map out where park benches could be placed. This way anyone who purchases a park bench can then choose the park and location of the bench. This will also help public works know where to install benches. Mr. Kouba suggested a plan to do something similar with trees and to put a plaque or brick

pavers near an adopted tree. Concerns were the type of tree, size, and longevity. The committee plans on discussing an Adopt a Tree program with Mr. Summerhill at a future meeting. The committee wants to find ways to honor the town's residents and beautify the parks simultaneously.

The next meeting will be held on March 12th.

Adjournment

Ms. Bergeson moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Kouba. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Charmaine Fioretto
Cortland Town Trustee
Cortland Advisory Committee Chair

