

Town Of Cortland
Town hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
Park Advisory Committee
Minutes
February 12, 2025

Call to Order / Roll Call

Committee Chair Ms. Fioretto called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Ms. Fioretto called the roll call as present Committee Members, Liz Botts, Michelle Bergeson, Angel Mendez, Curtis Kouba, and Trent Moser. Committee members Josh Orr and Mariann Kaminski were absent. Quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of November 12, 2024. Mr. Moser moved to approve the minutes of November 12, 2024, as presented, seconded by Ms. Bergeson. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Hearing of Staff/Citizens

No staff or citizens wished to speak.

New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

Unfinished Business for Discussion and Possible Action

Discussion of the Park Bench and Tree Program.

Chair Fioretto asked if Mr. Kouba had been able to provide the map information for the park bench and tree program. Mr. Kouba responded that he had not yet finished the maps but would make sure to have them ready for the next meeting in March. No further discussion on the matter took place.

Discussion of Pavillion for McPhillips's Park

The committee was asked to select a color for the new shelter at McPhillips's Park which would be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval. The committee unanimously voted to choose Signal Blue for the roof color.

Ideas for potential new park equipment

Additionally, the committee decided to ask Joel Summerhill if soccer nets could be included in next year's budget. While the field may not be regulation-size, the goal is to create a space where both children and adults can play and practice. The park committee identified potential locations for the nets at Suppeland Park and Cortland Community Park.

Chair Fioretto passed around a playground equipment sale booklet, and the committee selected a few pieces to suggest for the budget for approval. Hetcher Park needs a replacement for the tire swing that has been removed, and small new additions were recommended for other parks in the town as well as improvements to Welsh Park. The proposed items for the budget include a Maypole, solo spinners, and either a revolution spinner or an infinity triple climber.

Idea gathering for future Cortland Community Park

Chair Fioretto also emphasized the need to begin focusing on plans for Cortland Community Park. The committee was encouraged to come to the next meeting prepared with ideas and ready to break down the park's development into phases and the steps within each phase. Converting Cortland Community Park into an event space is a long-term goal for the town, but it is not feasible to complete the project all at once. To make this goal more attainable, the committee will begin discussing a plan at the next meeting so the town can start planning and budgeting for the phases.

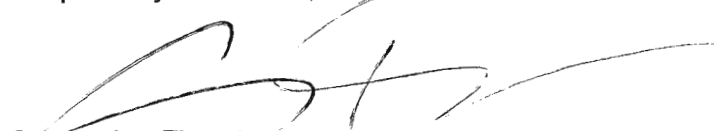
The committee also discussed the park name suggestions that had been submitted to the mayor. They revisited the proposed names for each park and expressed hope that the names could be brought before the Board of Trustees for approval this spring.

Chair Fioretto asked if there was anything else to discuss. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12th.

Adjournment

Ms. Botts moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Kouba. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charmaine Fioretto
Cortland Town Trustee
Cortland Park Advisory Committee Chair