

Town Of Cortland  
Town hall  
59 S. Somonauk Road  
Cortland, IL 60112  
**Park Advisory Committee**  
Minutes  
**March 10, 2026**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order / 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, Michelle Bergeson, Josh Orr, and Liz Botts. Committee members Mariann Kaminski, Trent Moser, and Angel Mendez were absent. Quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Fioretto read the Consent Agenda into the record. Approval of Park Advisory Committee Minutes for November 12, 2025, and February 10, 2026. Mr. Kouba made the motion, and Ms. Bergeson seconded. Unanimous vote carried the motion.

**Hearing of Staff/Citizens**

No one wished to speak at this time.

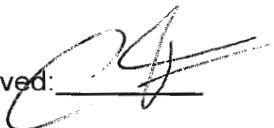
**Unfinished Business for Discussion and Possible Action**  
**Park Improvement Ideas for 2026**

Mr. Kouba expressed interest in developing a budget for planting new trees in the parks. The committee agreed that researching gazebo styles and pricing would be a good first step in planning the development of Legacy Park in honor of Bill Abbott. The committee also inquired about the status of the newsletter and whether it is still being produced. Members suggested including a dedicated section in each issue highlighting park updates, recent improvements, and future plans.

**Park Identification Sign Style**

Ms. Botts noted that Aurora has a program allowing individuals or businesses to sponsor park sign landscaping in exchange for advertising. She will gather more information on how the program operates and report back.

The committee reviewed several design options and unanimously selected Style 3. Members also requested additional details regarding the dimensions and height of the signs shown in the photos. Chair Fioretto agreed to obtain this information for the next meeting.

Approved: 

**Discussion of Cortland Community Parks**

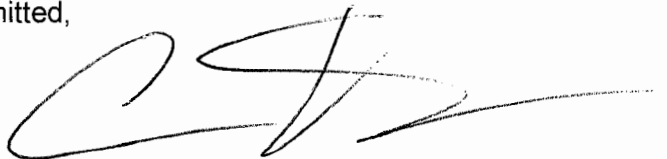
The committee discussed increasing involvement in this year's town festivities. Ideas included participating in the parade with a float and hosting a tent at Summerfest to gather public input and share information about upcoming projects. Additional suggestions included creating park committee T-shirts for members to wear during events and sponsoring a trunk for the Trunk-or-Treat event.

**Adjournment**

Chair Fioretto asked if there was any additional business to discuss and announced that the next meeting will be held on April 14.

With no further items brought forward, Chair Fioretto called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Ms. Bergeson and seconded by Mr. Kouba. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charmaine Fioretto  
Cortland Town Trustee  
Cortland Park Advisory Committee Chair

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_