

Town of Cortland  
Town Hall  
59 S. Somonauk Road  
Cortland, IL 60112  
**Park Advisory Committee**  
Minutes  
**August 15th, 2023**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**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 showing as present Committee Members Michelle Bergeson, Liz Botts, Trent Moser, and Angel Mendez. Shown as absent were Committee Members Josh Orr and Mariann Kaminski. Also present were Public Works Director Joel Summerhill and Town Engineer Brandy Williams. Quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Consent Agenda**

Ms. Fioretto read the consent agenda into the record. Approve the minutes of June 13th, 2023. Mr. Moser moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Ms. Bergeson. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

**Hearing of Staff/Citizens**

There were no staff or citizens wishing to speak.

**New Business**

**Hetchler Park**

The parks committee walked Hetchler's Park. The committee surveyed the condition of the tennis courts. The committee discussed what should be done with space in the future. It was suggested to do more pickleball courts but overall, it was decided that there would not be enough parking to supply that area to have pickleball courts. The committee is still discussing the best options on how to use the space. The committee all agreed to keep the basketball courts and to have them seal-coated and restriped next season. It was talked about having a stone walking path through the retention area to help connect town walking paths and parks. The park lacks playground equipment but at this time we are not sure what will work best in the area. Mr. Summerhill mentioned he is having a tough time

finding something for the existing structure, The committee would like to see in the future zipline, or agility play equipment added to the park. This fall the Hetchler Park sign will be moved near the tree and the Hetchler monument stone along with adding some mulch and landscaping. Since there's water currently at this park and a shelter the committee felt it would be a suitable place to add an outdoor grille. Also discussed was to have solar lights and solar electrical outlets for phone charging added to the shelter. As discussed previously the committee would also like to remove pea gravel and have rubberized material put down, in the future.

### **Cortland Community Parks**

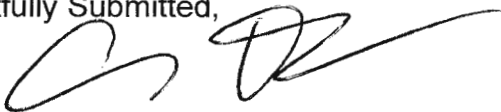
Mr. Summerhill and Ms. Williams mentioned the inclusive playground equipment at McPhillips Park would be installed at the end of August or the beginning of October. They also mentioned the parking spaces would be installed in late fall. The committee requested a few more garbage cans in various places at our last meeting, Mr. Summerhill told us they were ordered.

Ms. Fioretto asked if there was anything else that would like to be discussed and everyone felt there was nothing else to discuss. The committee suggested the next Park Advisory Committee Meeting be at Cortland Community Park, weather permitting. The next meeting is on September 12th.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Botts moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Orr. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charmaine Fioretto  
Cortland Town Trustee  
Cortland Parks Advisory Committee Chair