

Town of Cortland
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
Parks Advisory Committee
Minutes
March 21, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Fioretto called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Fioretto called the roll showing as present, Committee Members Michelle Bergeson, Angel Mendez, Trent Moser, and Mariann Kaminski. Shown as absent were Committee Members Liz Botts, Josh Orr, and Patricia Mackey. Quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Chair Fioretto read the Consent Agenda into the record. Approve the minutes of February 28, 2023. Ms. Bergeson moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Mendez. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Hearing of Staff/Citizens

Chair Fioretto asked the members how they felt about the direction and pace the committee was going. All members present felt happy with the direction and pace. Everyone agreed that we enjoy meeting together and are making significant progress toward a successful Comprehensive Plan for the Cortland Community Parks.

New Business

Cortland Community Parks

The committee discussed the possibility of Suppleland Park's baseball field being converted into a regulation-sized field. Also discussed was that it would be a great location for a soccer field. The committee felt that Suppleland Park would be an ideal area for an outdoor sports complex in the future. Mr. Moser asked if it was possible for a business to sponsor the baseball field. He said at one time there was interest from a business to do that. The committee revisited the idea of moving the current skate park to the empty tennis courts at Hetchler Park. All members present still felt this would be a positive move. The subject of Richland Trails Park was brought up. Ms. Bergeson

mentioned that there is a management company with a few board members. She asked if there was a way for the town to contact them on what could be done with the park. The committee also discussed the park off Bluebell Street. It's been one of the parks that the committee is unsure about what the future of that space might look like. The committee talked about leaving the space mostly open with a small area for sitting with flowers and a walkway. The committee agreed to come back and revisit Bluebell Street Park in the future.

Adjournment

Ms. Bergeson moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moser. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CF', written over the text 'Respectfully Submitted,'.

Charmaine Fioretto
Committee Chair