

Town Of Cortland
Town hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
Park Advisory Committee
Minutes
March 12, 2024
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order / Roll Call

Committee Chair Ms. Fioretto called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Ms. Fioretto called the roll. Shown as present Committee Members Michelle Bergeson, Liz Botts, Trent Moser, and Curtis Kouba, also present Public Works Director Joel Summerhill. Committee members Mariann Kaminski, Angel Mendez, and Josh Orr were absent. Quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Botts moved to approve the agenda as presented, 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 February 13, 2024. Mr. Moser moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Kouba. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Hearing of Staff/Citizens

No staff or citizens wished to speak.

New Business

Discussion of Park Improvement Ideas for 2024 with Joel Summerhill

The committee presented a list of ideas to Mr. Summerhill that they would like to see added to the parks in 2024: Sand volleyball court and concrete bags court, added to Cortland Community Park, outdoor ping pong table park to be determined, shelter added to McPhillips park, and a walking path added to Hetchler Park. The path he said we would have to discuss with the town engineer. The committee decided to put the disc golf course on hold for now. Remaining on the list for this year would be moving the skate park to a more accessible location and some possible new refurbished equipment.

Discussion of Program for Park Bench Sponsorship

The committee discussed prices to purchase a bench and the installation of the bench with Mr. Summerhill. The committee also mentioned that they want to create a map of where each bench would be and residents can choose from the map what location they

would like to purchase/donate a bench. Mr. Summerhill agreed that would be a great idea so public works would know exactly where each bench would be placed.

Discussion of name suggestions for three unnamed parks:

Chair Fioretto created a ballot of suggested names from the parks committee. The committee each filled out their top 7 possible names. The top 10 will be presented to Mayor Pietrowski and brought to the town board. The committee discussed with Mr. Summerhill that when names are chosen, they would like signs to match the current town parks signs.

Future of Cortland Community Parks

Mr. Kouba suggested a "donate a tree" program in a previous meeting. The committee wanted Mr. Summerhill's opinion. Mr. Summerhill mentioned a few towns that do this. He felt it would be a great way to beautify the parks and get residents and businesses involved. The committee and Mr. Summerhill discussed having a plaque located at the town hall with the names of all who have donated a tree and with each donation give a certificate with the person's name and tree location. The committee also discussed the types of trees that would be best for this program.

Chair Fioretto asked if there was anything else that would like to be discussed and everyone felt there was nothing else to discuss. The next meeting will be held on April 10th.

Adjournment

Ms. Bergeson moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moser. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charmaine Fioretto
Cortland Town Trustee
Cortland Advisory Committee Chair