

Town Of Cortland
Town hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
Park Advisory Committee
Minutes
September 10, 2024

Call to Order / Roll Call

Committee Chair Ms. Fioretto called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. Ms. Fioretto called the roll. Shown as present were Committee Members, Mariann Kaminski, Curtis Kouba, Michelle Bergeson, and Trent Moser. Also present was Town Trustee Doug Corson. Committee members Angel Mendez, Josh Orr, and Liz Botts, were absent. Quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Chair Fioretto read the Consent Agenda into the record. Approve the minutes of August 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

Mr. Corson stated he wanted to address the committee about naming a park after Bill Abbott. He said he knows that the parks committee has decided against any future parks being named after people, but he still feels that a park should be named after Mr. Abbott. Doug also stated he may have a contact to help out with our Adopt a Tree Program.

Unfinished Business for Discussion and Possible Action
Discussion of the Park Bench and Tree Program.

Ms. Bergeson presented the board with a pricing example for the Adopt a Tree Program. The committee discussed various tree species options and whether the pricing should vary by tree type or be set at a flat rate. There was also a conversation about whether to have a third-party company or Public Works handle the tree installations. A key question raised was whether the tree would be covered under warranty if installed by Public Works. The committee agreed to continue to look for a garden and nursery company.

Future of Cortland Community Parks

Chair Fioretto inquired if everyone had reviewed potential locations for the new cornhole game sets, ping pong table, and volleyball court. The committee agreed that one of the cornhole sets should be placed at Suppleland Park, near the playground and splash pad,

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with the other set going to Hetchler Park. For the ping pong table, the committee decided the best location would be near the Lions Den at Cortland Community Park, as the club has security cameras and is willing to store paddles and balls for public use. It was also unanimously agreed that the sand volleyball court should be placed at Suppleland Park.

Welsh Park was discussed, with the committee agreeing that it needs some attention. The gravel in certain areas is running low, and weeds and grass are starting to grow through. Chair Fioretto mentioned she would ask Joel Summerhill to fill in the gravel areas using gravel that Public Works Department is removing from the Suppleland playground. The committee agreed that Welsh Park should be addressed in the spring, with plans for enhancing the park's appearance.

Chair Fioretto also proposed reducing the number of upcoming meetings for the winter season, as not much can be done during the colder months, especially with the busy holiday season approaching. The board agreed, and it was decided to cancel the October meeting, and the next meeting would be on November 12th.

Adjournment

Ms. Kaminski moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bergeson. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charmaine Fioretto
Cortland Town Trustee
Cortland Advisory Committee Chair

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