

Town Of Cortland
Town hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
Park Advisory Committee
Minutes
May 13, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order / Roll Call

Committee Chair Ms. Fioretto called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m. Ms. Fioretto called the roll call as present Committee Members, Trent Moser, Michelle Bergeson, Mariann Kaminski, and Curtis Kouba. 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

Approve the minutes of March 11, 2025. Ms. Bergeson moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Moser. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

Hearing of Staff/Citizens

No one wishes to speak.

New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

Unfinished Business for Discussion and Possible Action

Discussion of Phases for Cortland Community Park Event Space

No discussion was had on this topic tonight. The committee decided to move it to another week.

Discussion of Layout for Cortland Community Park Event Space

The committee is currently awaiting a project board to facilitate discussions about the layout. Town Trustee Doug Corson is responsible for providing this board. As it has not yet been received. The committee decided to postpone further discussion until a later time.

Approved: CF

Discussion of Shelter Placement in McPhillips Park

Mr. Kouba suggested that the shelter should be placed further back to avoid closing off the main park area. The committee unanimously agreed with this suggestion. They were particularly interested in the idea of placing the shelter between the pickleball and basketball courts and the main park area. However, this option would only be pursued if an accessible path to the shelter could be constructed. If accessibility cannot be ensured in the proposed setback location, the committee prefers to place the shelter closer to the inclusive merry-go-round, directly off the existing asphalt path.

Idea Gathering for the Future of Cortland Community Parks

The committee discussed potential locations for new tree plantings within established parks, including where to place recently donated trees. They also considered whether the area across from Suppeland Park could be designated as additional park space, and if soccer nets could be installed there to enhance recreational use.

Additionally, concerns were raised about the parks being overgrown with weeds. The committee discussed possible solutions to improve maintenance and overall park appearance.

Adjournment

Chair Fioretto asked if there was any additional business to discuss. As no further topics were brought forward, she proposed adjourning the meeting. Mr. Kouba made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Moser. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charmaine Fioretto
Cortland Town Trustee
Cortland Park Advisory Committee Chair

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