



Town of Cortland
Parks Advisory Committee

Town Hall, 59 S. Somonauk Road Cortland, IL 60112

September 15, 2026 at 6:30 PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to Approve the Minutes of July 14, 2026

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

2. Discussion of Parks Comprehensive Plan Development - Future of Cortland Community Parks

ADJOURNMENT

Town Of Cortland
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
Park Advisory Committee
July 14, 2026
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order / Roll Call

Committee Chair Ms. Fioretto called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Fioretto called the roll as present Committee Members Curtis Kouba, Mariann Kaminski, Michelle Bergeson, Liz Botts, and Josh Orr. Committee member Trent Moser was absent. Quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Park Advisory Committee Minutes for June 9, 2026. Ms. Kaminski made the motion, and Ms. Botts seconded. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

Hearing of Staff/Citizens

No public was present wishing to speak.

Required Annual Training

Chair Fioretto reviewed the required annual training with the committee and explained the training requirements. All committee members agreed to complete the required training before the next committee meeting.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Welcome New Member

Newly appointed committee member Katelyn Siewierski introduced herself to the committee. Ms. Siewierski is a stay-at-home mother of three young children and frequently visits the Town's parks. She expressed her excitement about being able to contribute to the future of the parks for her children and the community.

The committee welcomed Ms. Siewierski and agreed that she will bring a fresh perspective to the Parks Advisory Committee.

Discussion of Comprehensive Park Plan Development

Chair Fioretto discussed beginning the development of comprehensive plans for each of the town's parks by assigning individual parks to committee members. Members will begin compiling information and outlining items that have been discussed during previous meetings for their assigned parks.

The following park assignments were made:

- **Suppeland Park:** Mr. Orr
- **Welsh Park:** Ms. Botts
- **Hetchler Park and Walnut Park:** Ms. Bergeson
- **Ohio Grove Park:** Mr. Kouba, who will also assist with Legacy Park
- **McPhillips Park:** Ms. Kaminski

Ms. Siewierski did not select a specific park assignment at this time. As a new committee member, she will spend time visiting the Town's parks to become familiar with them and provide input as the committee develops each comprehensive plan.

The committee agreed that Cortland Community Park will be addressed collectively after the other park plans are completed, as it is one of the Town's largest parks and will require additional time and discussion.

Chair Fioretto asked each member to begin working on the comprehensive plan of their assigned park and bring their findings and information to the next committee meeting for discussion with the full committee.

Discussion of Future Goals for Cortland Community Parks

The committee discussed meeting every other month through the end of the year. This schedule would allow committee members additional time between meetings to complete the required annual training and work on the comprehensive park plans.

The committee agreed to skip the August meeting and meet in September. The committee then set the schedule for the remainder of 2026 by meeting in November only and then reconvening in February 2027.

Adjournment

Chair Fioretto announced that the next Parks Advisory Committee meeting will be held on September 15, 2026.

With no further business to come before the committee, Mr. Kouba moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Orr. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charmaine Fioretto
Cortland Town Trustee
Cortland Park Advisory Committee Chair

Date Approved: _____