



**Town of Cortland  
Parks Advisory Committee**

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

March 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM

**AGENDA**

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**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes of November 12, 2025, and February 10, 2026

**NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

2. Discussion Items:
  - Park Improvement ideas for 2026 budget
  - Style of park identification signs
  - Future of Cortland Community Parks

**ADJOURNMENT**

Town Of Cortland  
Town hall  
59 S. Somonauk Road  
Cortland, IL 60112  
**Park Advisory Committee**  
Minutes  
**November 12, 2025**  
**6:30 p.m.**

### **Call to Order / Roll Call**

Committee Chair Ms. Fioretto called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. Ms. Fioretto called the roll call as present Committee Members, Mariann Kaminski, Curtis Kouba, and Michelle Bergeson. Committee members Trent Moser, Josh Orr, Liz Botts, and Angel Mendez were absent. Quorum was present.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Bergeson moved to approve the minutes for August 12, and September 9, 2025, seconded by Mr. Kouba. A unanimous vote carried the motion.

### **Hearing of Staff/Citizens**

No one wished to speak at this time.

### **New Business for Discussion and Possible Action**

There was no new business.

### **Unfinished Business for Discussion and Possible Action**

#### **Discussion of Signage for Newly Named Parks**

The committee discussed potential new signage options with Steve Irman. Mr. Irman presented several color options, and the committee unanimously agreed that the green–tan–green option was preferred. The committee also discussed recommending to the Board that a consistent signage style be used throughout all town parks and expressed a desire to have all park signs replaced. Additionally, it was discussed that the back of each park sign could be engraved with the history of the park, including the origin of the park’s name and other relevant information.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion of canceling December and January meetings**

Chair Fioretto mentioned the possibility of reducing the meeting schedule as the committee moves into the winter seasons with the holidays. She suggested canceling the meetings for December and January. The committee was in favor. It was decided that the next meeting will be held on February 10th.

**Ideas for the Future of Cortland Parks**

The committee discussed the possibility of installing solar downlighting in the parks to help deter vandalism, including motion-sensor lights that would activate only when movement is detected. They also explored whether it would be feasible to hire a part-time employee during the summer months to care for the parks. Responsibilities could include weed maintenance, general cleanup, minor repairs to park equipment, and planting flowers around park signage.

**Adjournment**

Chair Fioretto asked if there was any additional business to discuss.

With no further items brought forward, Chair Fioretto called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. Kouba and seconded by Ms. Kaminski. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charmaine Fioretto  
Cortland Town Trustee  
Cortland Park Advisory Committee Chair

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**Park Advisory Committee**  
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**February 10, 2025**  
**6:30 p.m.**

### **Call to Order / Roll Call**

Committee Chair Ms. Fioretto called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Ms. Fioretto called the roll call as present Committee Members, Mariann Kaminski, Curtis Kouba, Michelle Bergeson, and Liz Botts. Committee members Trent Moser, Josh Orr, and Angel Mendez were absent. Quorum was present.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Kaminski 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 November 12, 2024. It was noted that the date was not correct, should read 2025. Ms. Kaminski made the motion with the correction changing the year, Mr. Kouba seconded. Unanimous vote carried the motion.

### **Hearing of Staff/Citizens**

No one wished to speak at this time.

### **New Business for Discussion and Possible Action**

#### **Discussion of Park Improvement ideas for 2026**

Mr. Kouba stated that he would like to see the ideas brought forward last year completed before developing new ones. He noted that many items are taking longer than anticipated, possibly due to limited staffing and the challenge of managing multiple projects at once. He suggested the Town consider hiring an outside contractor to assist with certain projects, such as planting around park signs and replacing trees.

The committee agreed it would be beneficial to invite Mr. Summerhill to the next meeting for further discussion and expressed interest in having the mayor attend a future park meeting. Members shared concerns that they dedicate significant time and thought to park improvements, yet many projects do not come to fruition.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Kaminski agreed that adding new items to the list at this time is not advisable. She requested a timeline for completion of park proposals that have already been presented to the committee and approved by the Board. The committee unanimously agreed to focus on completing last year's goals before presenting new ideas to the Board.

Ms. Botts expressed appreciation for the work accomplished by Town employees, noting the impressive results achieved with limited staffing and commending their efforts on numerous projects.

The committee decided to prioritize the current task list to better identify which items are most important to complete first. Mr. Kouba added that many projects are time-sensitive and must be completed during the busiest periods for Public Works, which makes scheduling challenging.

### **Unfinished Business for Discussion and Possible Action**

#### **Discussion of Suppeland Park**

The committee agreed that improved maintenance is needed at Suppeland Park. Members noted that it is the only park visible from a major roadway and should reflect the community positively. They recommended clearing weeds from the baseball field and spreading fresh dirt as needed. Additionally, they would like to see better maintenance of grassy areas frequently used by residents, including areas around the splash pad, cornhole game, and soccer nets.

#### **Ideas for the Future of Cortland Parks**

The committee discussed the importance of tree maintenance and planting this year. They would like to see dead, or aging trees removed and replaced with new trees. Some parks currently lack trees, and members emphasized the need to provide shade for residents.

#### **Adjournment**

Chair Fioretto asked if there was any additional business to discuss.

With no further items brought forward, Chair Fioretto called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Ms. Bergeson and seconded by Ms. Botts. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charmaine Fioretto  
Cortland Town Trustee  
Cortland Park Advisory Committee Chair

