

Town of Cortland
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
Park Advisory Committee
Minutes
January 10, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order / Roll Call

Committee Chair Charmaine Fioretto called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Chair Fioretto called the roll call showing as present Committee Members Liz Botts, Josh Orr, Angel Mendez, Trent Moser, and Mariann Kaminski. Shown as absent were Committee Members Michelle Bergeson and Patricia Mackey. Quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Orr moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Ms. Botts. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Consent Agenda

Chair Fioretto read the Consent Agenda into the record. Approve minutes of December 15, 2022. Ms. Botts moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Moser. Unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Hearing of Staff/Citizens

No one wished to speak at that time.

New Business

Cortland Community Parks

Chair Fioretto mentioned to the committee that Public Works Director Joel Summerhill had pulled all the basketball backboards to be repainted and purchased new nets. He also started looking into equipment for the Frisbee golf course, along with working on how to convert Hetchler Park's old tennis courts into a Pickleball Court. The committee talked about past ideas and what parks would be best suited for each idea. The committee decided that a dog park would be best suited in the Cortland Community Park and to put it out towards the water tower to keep the noise further away from homes. Mr. Mendez mentioned that he would like to see the dog park have a disk launcher. The committee also agreed they would like to see other items in the park for people to interact with their dogs. Mr. Orr stated since the Cortland Community Park is to be the park with the large event space that he would like there to be signage off

Somonauk to direct people to the parks. Mr. Moser inquired about the Lion's Den. Whether the committee was to work around the den or if the den would be moving out of Cortland Community Park. It was also wanted to know if the Lions owned the land or if Cortland did. Chair Fioretto mentioned that Cortland owns the land, but the Lions built the shelter. She also mentioned that the committee was to work around the Lion's Den when planning the park. Chair Fioretto also included that the Lions are in the process of taking over the Parade and Festival Committee for Cortland and that the den's locations to what would possibly be the future event space of the town could be very beneficial. The committee also talked about the importance of getting handicap-accessible park equipment as soon as possible and the importance of an inclusive park. Mr. Orr excused himself from the meeting at 7:32 p.m. The committee talked about moving the February 14th meeting to the 15th. Chair Fioretto said she would find out if Town Hall would be available for February 15th.

Adjournment

Ms. Bergeson moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moser. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting Adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charmaine Fioretto
Committee Chair