

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. Charmaine Fioretto called the roll call 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

Committee Member Josh Orr moved to approve the agenda as presented, Seconded by Committee member Liz Botts. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion.

Consent Agenda

Committee Chair Charmaine Fioretto read the Consent Agenda into the record. Approve the minutes of December 15, 2022. Committee Member moved Liz Botts to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Committee member Trent Moser.

Hearing of Staff/Citizens

No one wished to speak at that time.

New Business

Cortland Community Parks

Board Chair Charmaine Fioretto mentioned to the committee that Joel from public works had pulled all the basketball backboards to be repainted and purchased new nets. He also started looking into ordering equipment for the disk golf course, along with working on how to convert Hetchlers Park's old tennis

courts into a Pickleball Court. The committee was really excited about the news. Angel Mendez wanted more information on what Pickleball is, Mariann Kaminski explained. 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 in the area. Angel 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. Josh said 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 since the park is hidden. Trent inquired about the Lion's Den; Whether we were 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. Charmaine 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. Mariann also added that would be her belief as well as she is a Lions member. Charmaine 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 once more about the importance of getting some handicap-accessible park equipment as soon as possible and the importance of an inclusive park. Josh Orr excused himself from the meeting at 7:32 pm. The committee talked about moving the February 14th meeting to the 15th, since the 14th is Valentine's day. Board Chair Charmaine Fioretto said she would find out if the town hall was available for February 15th and get back to the group.

Adjournment

Committee Member Bergeson moved to adjourn, seconded by Moser. A unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting Adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charmaine Fioretto
Cortland Town Trustee
Cortland Advisory Committee Chair