

Town of Cortland
Town Hall
59 S. Somonauk Road
Cortland, IL 60112
Park Advisory Committee
Minutes
February 28, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Fioretto called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Ms. Fioretto called the roll showing as present Committee Members Michelle Bergeson, Angel Mendez, Trent Moser, and Patricia Mackey. Shown as absent were Committee Members Liz Botts, Josh Orr, and Mariann Kaminski. Quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Chair Fioretto read the consent agenda into the record. Approve the minutes of January 10, 2023. Mr. Moser moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Mendez. Committee Member Ms. Bergeson mentioned there was an error in the minutes. The minutes stated that Ms. Bergeson moved to adjourn the January 10, 2023, meeting. She was absent that meeting. The minutes should read Ms. Botts moved to adjourn the meeting. With changes noted unanimous roll call vote carried the motion.

Hearing of Staff/Citizens

No one wished to speak at that time.

New Business

Girl Scout Pollinators Garden

The committee felt the best place to put a pollinator's garden would be near Dragon Tail Pond or near the community gardens at Cortland Community Park, located behind the water building by the triangle. However, the committee agreed they would like to see plans for what the garden would look like and what types of flowers would be in the garden. They were also concerned with who would be responsible for the upkeep of the pollinator garden.

Skatepark

The committee discussed the possibility of moving the skate park equipment to Hetchler's Park. Currently the park has a large tennis court that has been unused for many years. The black top in the court is in good condition and our current skatepark surface is in poor condition. The committee agreed that as long as the equipment was in good condition and cleaned up, that moving to the tennis courts at Hetchler's Park would greatly increase the quality for

skateboarders. The committee felt this would be a great temporary move until funds are available to build a new park preferably at Suppeland Park.

Bike Racks

The committee felt the bike racks would be a great addition to our parks. The committee made a list of locations to place the bike racks to be given to Mr. Summerhill for review.

Cortland Community Parks

The committee discussed the possibility of ADA equipment for McPhillips Park. Ms. Mackey mentioned she was concerned with adding inclusive swings to the current poles in the park. She felt that even putting a pathway through the rocks would make it difficult to access in a wheelchair. Children could throw and move rocks over the pathways. Currently, rocks are all over the slides, tunnels, and platforms. There was concern about removing two current swings to replace them with the ADA swings. The committee would rather see a new pole installed for the ADA swings away from the gravel. The committee did like the idea of adding an inclusive spinner to the park. They felt it would be fun for all to enjoy. They did mention they would like to see if there was an option for zero-transfer swing in the future.

Adjournment

Ms. Bergeson moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Mendez. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charmaine Fioretto
Committee Chair