

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
November 11, 2021**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke, Shirley DeYoung, Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis. Absent: Todd Overhuel & Gina Berry.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Shirley DeYoung moved to accept and place on file the minutes of October 14, 2021. Matthew Bradley supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob reported that The Veteran's had there ceremony in Sherwood Park at the memorial today. In Pell Park, we measured the gazebo because Denise is applying for another grant to do the repairs on it. The cub scouts are planning on raking Hicks Park and possible the William Crispe house Saturday November 20, 2021. The fountain in Hicks Park is getting a new finial for the top as the other one is in bad shape. The DPW has been very busy picking up leaves.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report - Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that she drove by the park today and it looks ok.

Pell Park Maintenance Report - Todd Overhuel, Gina Berry

Gina wasn't able to make the meeting so Shirley looked at the park and said the park looked good.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report - Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that she had nothing to report.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley said that upper cook had lots of leaves and she drug a branch out to the road. Lower cook looked good. The Pickle ball courts are closed. There were dogs playing in the dog park.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that he drove by the park and noticed the bases were still on the fields. He has been thinking about the park and thinks we shouldn't necessarily do all sports for the future.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Gina Berry

Gina could not make the meeting. Shirley went to the park and said it looks good.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report Gina Berry

Gina could not make the meeting. So Shirley went and checked this space out and said it looks good.

5. New Business

A. None.

6. Open Business

A. Update on Kenyon Park. The board had small discussions. We need to reach out to the City and see what they would like to see in the park for the future. We need to measure the area and talk to potential groups that want to use the park. Bunny will reach out to Erik and Denise to see what the Council would like to see and maybe do a survey to the public and get ideas. Some of the ideas were baseball, football, soccer and maybe an area around the whole park to walk.

7. Public Comments
None.
8. Staff Comments
None.
9. Chairman's Report
Matthew mentioned that he thought we needed more fine arts in Plainwell.
10. Commissioners' Comments
Shirley mentioned that she was excited about stuff that was happening in the Rec Program.
11. Items For Next Agenda:
We need to talk about a vision for each park.
12. Next Meeting
The next meeting will be Thursday, 2021 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

Shirley DeYoung moved to adjourn the meeting. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett