

**MINUTES  
CITY OF PLAINWELL  
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION  
October 13, 2022**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke, Shirley DeYoung, Cory Redder and Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis and Council Member Todd Overhuel.

3. Approval of Minutes:

***Bob Nieuwenhuis moved to accept and place on file the minutes of, September 15, 2022. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.***

4. Parks:

Bob reported that we did specialty concrete by the gazebo in Pell Park. Marsha & Shirley have been working hard cutting back all the plants. We are trying to figure out putting concrete in by the river walk to stop the erosion behind Napa and Old Plank. Bob met with DC Strong about possible having the Plainwell Days festival in Kenyon Park next year. Pumpkins in the Park is this coming Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>. He also let the board know that someone drove through Hicks Park and tore up the grass. Bunny asked Bob if we could cut the Japanese grass around the Blue Starr Memorial Rock. Also, we put the 15 mile an hour speed limit signs in Cook Park.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley reported that she went through the park today and everything was fine. Lots of leaves & people playing basketball.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that the park looks good and the roses were blooming.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that he went today and it looked good. There was a family there playing.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that the park looked good. There were lots of pickle ball players and dogs in the dog park. He noticed a large limb the needs to be trimmed on the paved path.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis

Bob/Todd reported that Todd was unable to make it to the park. Bob said Football will be using the park for two more weeks and then we will move the shed back to the DPW. We've been keeping it mowed.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that the park looks nice. She wondered if she could trim the white pines for the Kalamazoo Arts Council to use them to make wreaths. Bob told her she could also go to our old Well #5 and walk that property to get some too.

River walk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that the bees finally died off on the trestle. Lots of people walking the last few weeks. He noticed one of the railings is broken. There is also a light by the band shell parking lot that is burned out.

5. New Business

A. Donated property for Darrow Park. The owner of the vacant property at 426 Hicks Ave would like to square off his property by the park and in doing that he will donate part of the property to the city. A voice vote was taken and the board approved it unanimously. Bunny moved to approve the motion and Marsha supported the motion. It will go to the city council next.

6. Public Comments

None.

7. Staff Comments: Cheryl mentioned that she had the wrong date for the next meeting on the agenda. It was November 10<sup>th</sup> and should have been November 17, 2022.
8. Chairman's Report  
None.
9. Commissioners' Comments  
Todd Overhuel shared with the board an idea that the donated property by Drug & Lab might be used for Frisbee Disc Golf. Ace Hardware sells all the stuff to get it set up. He's hoping the city can write a grant to pay for it. There is 11 acres of land that the city would acquire.
10. Items For Next Agenda
11. Next Meeting  
The next meeting will be Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 5 PM.
12. 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 5:50 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Pickett