**MINUTES**

**CITY OF PLAINWELL**

**PARKS & TREES COMMISSION**

**September 12, 2019**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke, Sandy Lamorandier, Tom Belco. Absent: Gina Berry, Todd Overhuel. Also attending: Mayor Brad Keeler.
3. Approval of Minutes:

***Marsha Keeler moved to accept and place on file the minutes of, 2019. Tom Belco supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.***

1. Parks:

Bob reported that

Bob was not able to come so Matthew Bradley read Bob’s notes out loud to the board.

The Sherwood restroom will be delivered on September 16, 2019 we will install water, sewer and electric. We will pour a cement sidewalk and do some landscaping. Trees were removed for the Veteran’s Memorial.

In Cook Park landscaping will be done. In Hicks Park we pressure washed the Riverwalk and replaced boards in bench areas.

In Pell Park we finished painting the memorial post. The painting of the dock walkway still needs to be done. In Kenyon Park we painted the ball field benches, memorial post and cleaned up the fence lines. The city has been working with Dan’s Tree Service to remove a handful of the cities worse trees. We have two more to go.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report - Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that she had not been down there recently. Bunny LaDuke said that the Blue Starr Memorial looks good.

Bunny checked with Dick Lubic about doing the Veteran’s Day celebration at the Blue Starr memorial but Dick said the project that the veterans are doing in Sherwood Park should be done before November 11, 2019. So Bunny would like the city to have a rededication of the Blue Starr memorial in the near future.

Pell Park Maintenance Report - Todd Overhuel, Sandra Lamorandier

Sandy reported that everything looks good. The flower pots in front of city hall are looking pretty bad.

The DPW will be getting some mums to put in the pots soon.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report - Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that the flower tree with the ferns looks good. The fern bed needs some help.

She’s going to do some checking and see if there is something we can do/plant/water to help it look better.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Tom Belco

Tom reported that the milling piles were still there and getting put to good use. He has some parking ideas that he went over with Bob. Bob included a copy of the parking ideas for the board to look at.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that he has not had a chance to go there in a while but last time he was there it looked well.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report - Sandy Lamorandier

Sandra reported that the park looks good but she wished we had some other color for the trash can’s then the bright blue.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report

Gina was not at the meeting to report. We did talk about the bee issue and how the DPW blocked it off and put signs up.

We trimmed some trees this summer and the sap from the tree dripped on the board walk and was attracting lots of different bees.

1. New Business: Parking ideas for Cook Park
   1. A map that Bob, Tony Gless & Tom Belco drew up was presented to the board on parking ideas for the pickle ball courts. Heavy discussion took place in regards to the road that was put in between the dog park and the pavilion. The board was divided in the subject of the road being removed. There will be more discussion at a later date when the City Manager Erik Wilson can be there and Bob Nieuwenhuis of the Department of Public Works. A motion was made by Tom Belco and supported by Marsha Keeler to table this until the next meeting. the board unanimously approved.
   2. .There was a small discussion about a dead tree that will be taken out by the Band shell.
2. Open Business: Rick Brooks Memorial

There were a few ideas that the family of the mayor wanted and board talked about. They would like the plaza were the Christmas tree is placed each year to be named after Rick. The family would like to see a bench put in Sherwood Park beside a tree that was planted for the mayor’s son Brian. Dale Burnham may be the one to build the bench.

1. Public Comments

There is a business owner from Passa Flora who would like to be involved in the flower program for next year

1. Staff Comments

None

1. Chairman’s Report

None.

1. Commissioners’ Comments

Tom Belco would like some clarification on what the board votes on and what has to go to be approved by council.

Brad Keeler will pass this information to Erik Wilson and the Council.

1. Items For Next Agenda:

Further discussion on the road at Cook Park.

1. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 5 PM.

1. Adjournment

***Tom Belco 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 6:02 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Pickett