

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
March 14, 2024**

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

3. Approval of Minutes:

Shirley DeYoung moved to accept and place on file the minutes of, January 22, 2024. Cory Redder supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob was unable to make the meeting. Cheryl let the board know that we will be having the debt crew clean up Darrow Park soon.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley reported that she walked through half of the park on the way to the meeting and it looks great.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Marsha was unable to make the meeting. Shirley glanced at the park and noticed the flowers were starting to bloom.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that he walked through and noticed it had been cleaned up. He was concerned about the ground sinking by the river walk.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that he didn't notice a lot but he did see that there is graffiti on the bathroom door again.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis

Todd reported that the park is cleaned up and looks great. Cheryl let the board know that the Debt/Community service crew had cleaned it up.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that the park looked good. Bunny checked with Justin to see if the City was still looking into grants to redo the fishing dock. He said they were going to apply with the Anna Pipp Foundation.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that the floating dock was gone. Cheryl explained that it needed to be repaired and the cost of bringing it up to code was going to be very expensive. It was becoming a danger to be on so we unhooked it and took it down the river to the DPW so we could dispose of it.

5. New Business

A. Arbor Day: Bob had a suggestions that he wanted Cheryl to let the board know about not doing new memorial trees for a while. We have so many trees that have died. We want to still hand out tree seedlings to the public and put the information about trees. Bunny said that we have 50 trees on order going in with the Trula Vista group so we can get a good price with good trees. The board seemed to like this idea.

6. Open Business

A. None.

7. Public Comments

Matthew mentioned that his wife Rachel noticed the property next to Darrow Park was still for sale.

8. Staff Comments

Cheryl mentioned that the DPW had taken the pots to the greenhouse so they could get going on our flowers. We also ordered 12 new metal pots to replace the concrete pots for downtown. Shirley was very pleased with the order her and Marsha put in with the help of Betty from the greenhouse.

9. Chairman's Report

None.

10. Commissioners' Comments

Bunny mentioned that there will be a planting class this coming Thursday at the Libray.

11. Items For Next Agenda

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, 2024 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett