

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
July 11th, 2024**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke, Shirley DeYoung, Cory Redder and Council Member Todd Overhuel. Absent: Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Shirley DeYoung moved to accept and place on file the minutes of, June 13, 2024. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob was unable to make the meeting so Cheryl Pickett read a note he wrote for the board. The parks are in good order. The flowers look amazing. The DPW will be installing the small exercise equipment in Sherwood Park in the next few weeks. Please let Bob know where we are finalizing the playground equipment from the school to be placed. The board all agreed in Upper Cook Park.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley reported that she has been in Florida but Marsha spoke up and said she had gone through the park and noticed there is another basketball net that needs to be replaced in the park. Cheryl will let the guys know.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that everything is blooming.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that he walked through and it's looking great and well maintained. He did have some concerns on some of the boardwalk boards that need replacing.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that he hasn't been going through Upper Cook because of the construction but lower looks good and busy. The bathroom doors still need attention and the fence needs repaired. He wondered if we could replace the toys for the dogs in there. There was a small discussion about possibly raising fund.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis

Todd reported that he went through last weekend and it looked nice but barren. Not many people using it. Cory asked if he could have permission to cut a walking path in the back wooded area?

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that she was there last week and it looked good. She asked about the dock. Cheryl let her know that we need to get it ordered so we can get it in soon.

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

Cory reported that he walked through and it looked good just not as many people as the week before.

5. New Business

- A. Galesburg Paddle & Pour: Bunny brought in some information about this and spoke with the board about Plainwell doing more to promote the river area like we used to. There was a small conversation about approaching Denise to see if she could look into this.

6. Open Business

A. River Erosion issues: Bunny would like to discuss this further when Justin gets back from vacation. As he was going to get with the DNR gentleman and see about the grants they have to offer. We will put this on the August agenda too.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Staff Comments: Cheryl mentioned about one of our flower pots falling at the main gazebo downtown. The DPW guys replace the boards all around so it won't happen again.

9. Chairman's Report

None.

10. Commissioners' Comments

Someone mentioned that Todd Smits came into City Hall still concerned on why we don't have the splash park yet. They explained to him that we don't have the money for this. Also it was mentioned sadly that the Bloom restaurant downtown was closing.

11. Items For Next Agenda: The River Erosion issues.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

Marsha Keeler moved to adjourn the meeting. Cory Redder 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