

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
January 12, 2017**

1. Justin Burchett called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Justin Burchett, Sandy Lamorandier, Marsha Keeler. Absent: Bunny LaDuke, Marcus Taylor, Todd Overhuel. Also attending: Public Works Superintendent Rick Updike.
3. Approval of Minutes:

Sandy Lamorandier moved to accept and place on file the minutes and summary of the regular monthly meeting of December 15, 2016 as presented. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:
Sherwood
A: Park Maintenance Report - Marsha Keeler
Marsha reported that the park is quiet. Rick reported that the ice skating rink was installed just in time for warmer weather.

Pell
A: Park Maintenance Report - Bunny LaDuke
Bunny was not present. No problems were reported.

Hicks
A: Park Maintenance Report - Todd Overhuel
Todd was not present. Rick reported that the park looks good.

Cook
A: Park Maintenance Report - Justin Burchett
Justin reported that the park looks good.

Kenyon
A: Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley
Matthew reported that the electric pedestal cover is off and leaning against the side. Rick will report it to the electric company.

Darrow
A: Park Maintenance Report - Sandy Lamorandier
Sandy reported that the park is quiet. She asked if Rick had contacted to school snow plowing contractor to stop pushing snow against the Magiera memorial tree. He did, and also spoke to the school maintenance supervisor, and believes the conflict is resolved.

Riverwalk Park \ Band Shell \ CBD
A: Park Maintenance Report - Marcus Taylor
Marcus was not present. The Riverwalk seems to be in good condition

5. New Business
None.

6. Open Business

A. Dog Park update

No committee members were present. Rick reported the Mt. Pleasant has a new 3.5-acre dog park called Hannah's Bark Park, which was written up in the Municipal Review. It was built in memory of high school student Hannah Simons Scalise at a cost of about \$117,000. He noted that commissioners could check for a web site.

B. New Commissioner Information Packets
Tabled.

C. Park Reservations, Rules, Permit, Signage

Justin suggested that a committee be formed to draft the program. Justin and Sandy volunteered; Bunny and Denise Siegel will be invited to serve.

D. Plainwell Auto Landscape Update

Rick reported that he met with the owner of Plainwell Auto and introduced him to Dave Deback, the creator of the custom bike racks. Rick reported that the DPW removed the lower branches on the last tree to the west beside the building to improve clear vision for drivers. Rick noted that, under the current façade at Plainwell Auto, there are glass blocks. There are also some glass blocks on the north side.

Attendees discussed their vision for the area adjacent to Plainwell Auto on the north. Rick recommends it be seeded to grass with, perhaps, dwarf trees. The trees may need to be purchased if there is nothing appropriate in the nursery.

Matthew stated that mural artist Jerry Berta is preparing a special contact information presentation; Matthew will send it to Sandy when it is ready. Jerry's vision is for a classic cars theme if Plainwell Auto will agree.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Staff Comments

None.

9. Chairman's Report

None.

10. Commissioners' Comments

Sandy wished everyone a Happy New Year.

11. Items For Next Agenda

Same as this month.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, 2017 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Sheryl Gluchowski, Deputy Clerk