

**MINUTES  
CITY OF PLAINWELL  
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION  
May 11, 2023**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke, Cory Redder and Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis. Absent: Council Member Todd Overhuel and Shirley DeYoung.

3. Approval of Minutes:

***Bob Nieuwenhuis moved to accept and place on file the minutes of, March 16, 2023. Cory Redder supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.***

4. Parks:

Bob reported that a new company has sprayed the weeds in the parks. The old company only sprayed once a year and the new one will come 3 times a year. Mulch was delivered to the parks by the playground equipment. We are trying to fix up our current playground equipment. We will need new equipment soon. Maybe we can ask for help from the community to raise funds.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley was not at the meeting. Marsha said that she had weeded the cancer bed.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that she weeded ant the park looks pretty good.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that the park looks nice. He noticed that the boardwalk is peeling. The Christmas Ferns look good. There were many families using the park.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that the new mulch looks nice. The obstacle course in the small dog park needs to be replaced or repaired. The pickle ball courts were busy.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis

Bob reported that we just mowed and the weeds were sprayed. The Little League is practicing there. The school will be using the ball fields for 3 weeks for softball.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that there was nothing to report and the park looks good.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that the area looks good. He noticed a broken pvc pipe under the bridge. Bob said it was for irrigation and it was being redone. Cory said the garden by the main light the concrete was cracked and needed to be fixed.

5. New Business

A. No Mow May: Bob reported that well #4, #7 and #5 are being mowed every other week.

6. Open Business

A. None.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Staff Comments: Cheryl answered questions about the truck rally from a past meeting.

Are they bringing their own chairs? The answer is no the DPW is bringing in more picnic tables.

Are they taking the garbage with them? The answer is no the DPW has to pick it up the next day.

Are they bringing in more restrooms? The answer is no we will have the park restroom available.

9. Chairman's Report

Matthew let everyone know he will be retiring from teaching. He offered to come to city hall to help write/look into grants for the City.

10. Commissioners' Comments

Bunny let us know that the pollinator gardens have been tabled for now.

11. Items For Next Agenda

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

***Bob Nieuwenhuis 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 6:06 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Pickett