

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
May 12, 2022**

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

3. Approval of Minutes:

Marsha Keeler moved to accept and place on file the minutes of April 14, 2022. Shirley DeYoung supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob reported that the gazebo in Pell Park is half done. Next Friday we will be picking up flowers from the greenhouse.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley reported that when she was there today people were using the park. She picked up trash and noticed the bathroom was a mess. She said Marsha had weeded the cancer bed.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that we need a trash can behind the bench by the picnic tables. She weeded the rose garden and cut the butterfly bushes back and asked about if cement was going around the sculpture and if the light in that area was going to be fixed.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that he checked on the park and the ferns look good.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that everything looks good. He noticed that one of the memorial plaques was missing by a tree. We let him know we ordered a new one. He said there were dogs in the park. Tony Gless had asked the city about being able to put a wind screen around the pickle ball courts. Bob said yes but the city will not be responsible for it. There is a private woman who is paying for it and the volunteers will put it up.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis

Bob reported that nothing has changed and we have mowed it a few times. There is a volunteer that will be redoing the park sign.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that the park looked good. We need new soil in the planter that is at the park.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that people were using the band shell. He noticed people were fishing. He said the trestle bridge looks rough. He wondered about the ally by the flower shop that area needs attention. The other members mentioned that there is a lady that takes care of that area. She's a volunteer so she does it on her own time.

5. New Business

A. No mow May was discussed. We can't stop mowing because of our ordinances. Bob said we could designate portions of the park to mowing every other week. Shirley loved the idea but it's not contusive to city life. A suggestion was made that maybe we could plant wild flowers in different areas instead of grass.

6. Open Business

A. There was a discussion about Arbor Day. We will hold the ceremony at Starr School on Friday May 20th 2022 at 6:30pm.

We are honoring Tim Roush. We will be handing out White Spruce seedlings.

B. An update on the summer flowers was discussed. We will be picking up the flowers from the greenhouse Thursday and Friday of next week. We have a school group coming to plant flowers in Hicks Park on May 24th 2022 at 2:45pm.

7. Public Comments
None.

8. Staff Comments: Discussion on what we should do to the basketball court that is in Cook Park. This should be part of the 5 year recreation plan. Someone asked if there were grants for more pickle ball courts. Tony Gless had let the city know that they were not going to make any more courts at this time.

9. Chairman's Report
Matthew spoke about a Cook Park 5 year plan and maybe we could start talking about some ideas soon.

10. Commissioners' Comments
None.

11. Items For Next Agenda

12. Next Meeting
The next meeting will be Thursday June 16th, 2022 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

Marsha Keeler 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 6:07 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett