

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
June 13, 2024**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:02 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:

Bunny LaDuke moved to accept and place on file the minutes of, May 16, 2024. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob was not able to make the meeting. Cheryl Pickett let the board know a few things. 1. The guys picked up the playground equipment from Starr School this past week. 2. The flowers are doing great. We have had lots of compliments. 3. The guys painted the Sherwood Park basketball courts. 4. The pickle ball courts are getting fixed by volunteers along with the City workers tearing out some big pieces and hauling them away. 6. Cheryl let the board know that we are putting the new equipment up near Mayor Brooks bench in Sherwood Park.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley reported that she was at the park they had more mulch put on the cancer bed and it looks great. In fact all the plants look great.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that the park flowers and plants look fabulous. Especially the Zinnias.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that the park looks beautiful. The ferns look great.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that Upper Cook is closed still because of the construction in the Old Orchard neighborhood.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis

Bob was absent from the meeting. Todd reported that the park looks nice.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Bunny skipped her parks report to talk about other items so she wanted to wait till the new open business part of the meeting.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that there were lots of people at the music in the park this past Wednesday.

5. New Business

A. None.

6. Open Business

A. Bunny started a discussion about the erosion by the river and the race. She had a conversation with Lois Heuchert and Lois had been talking to Matt Diana from the DNR about the permeable covering prior to the cement at the Darrow Park location and about the erosion issues along the river walk from the N Main Bridge around to the dock area. Justin came to the meeting and spoke about the issues and let the board know that he knew who Matt Diana was and he would follow up with him soon about the river erosion grant and getting a permit for the City to be able to get things started. Bunny and Lois had ideas about ground cover and a rock bottom. Justin was concerned and pointed out a lot of these grants have matching money that the city does not have right now. Bunny said she knew there was other grants that could help with the matching

money too. Bunny and Lois would like to work on the grants soon. Bunny also suggested that we bring in Matt Diana of the DNR to speak with the board about the grants. Bunny also pointed out that the protecting the river is critical to our community.

7. Public Comments
None.

8. Staff Comments
None.

9. Chairman's Report
None.

10. Commissioners' Comments
None.

11. Items For Next Agenda: Continued talk about the river/race erosion problems and solutions.

12. Next Meeting
The next meeting will be Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

Shirley DeYoung 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 6:16 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett