

**MINUTES  
CITY OF PLAINWELL  
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION  
January 12, 2023**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke, Shirley DeYoung and Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis and Council Member Todd Overhuel. Absent: Cory Redder.

3. Approval of Minutes:

***Shirley DeYoung moved to accept and place on file the minutes of, December 15, 2022. Bunny LaDuke supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.***

4. Parks:

Bob reported that not much is happening. We put our Christmas stuff away through the city. We had a big toilet paper mess at the Sherwood Park restroom.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley reported that she checked the park today and it looks great. There were teenagers there having fun.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that the park looks great.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that he drove by and it looked good.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory was out sick so Shirley said that her family was there when we had snow and they sledged down the hill and had fun.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis

Bob reported that they were having the snowball baseball game again this year in February. Todd reported that he drove by and no one was using the park.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that there was no change. She did notice that the city had taken care of the broken tree branch from before.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory was out sick. There was a small discussion about the bee problem from this summer. Bob said we will continue with the bee issue because they build their homes under the bridge in the old wood. We have the bridge inspected often and it passes as far as the main structure but the top does not pass.

5. New Business

A. We talked about a potential person to honor for Arbor Day and the board agreed to put Sandra Lamorandier on the list.

B. The City is interested in an opportunity that has come our way for a fitness court. Priority Health would pay for this. The DPW would be pouring the cement. There was a light discussion about the benefits for the city to move forward with this. Bunny LaDuke moved to make a motion to accept this opportunity and Bob Nieuwenhuis supported it. A voice vote was carried and all the board members were in favor.

6. Open Business

A. We continued a discussion from prior meetings about the bee and butterfly possible places in the city to designate an area.

Bunny LaDuke brought in a lot of information for the board to look over on the steps to start a pollinator meadow and ideas of plants to choose from. She had a lot of great ideas. We will be continuing this conversation in future meetings.

7. Public Comments  
None.

8. Staff Comments  
None.

9. Chairman's Report  
None.

10. Commissioners' Comments  
Todd Overhuel shared with the group that the Recreation Plan that we have been working on was approved by the City Council at the last meeting.

11. Items For Next Agenda  
A. Continued discussion and ideas for the bee and butterfly pollinator meadow.  
B.

12. Next Meeting  
The next meeting will be Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

***Shirley DeYoung moved to adjourn the meeting. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.***

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Pickett