

**MINUTES  
CITY OF PLAINWELL  
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION  
December, 16 2021**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:13 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke, Shirley DeYoung. Absent: Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis and Todd Overhuel.

3. Approval of Minutes:

***Marsha Keeler moved to accept and place on file the minutes of November 11, 2021. Shirley DeYoung supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.***

4. Parks:  
Bob wasn't at the meeting.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report - Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that she went through the park yesterday and everything seemed fine. No one was in the park. Are we doing an ice rink this year?

Pell Park Maintenance Report - Todd Overhuel,

Marsha & Shirley noticed that the top of the railings have paint chipped. Over by the gazebo in Pell Park we need a waste can for garbage.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report - Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that the Christmas Cards look great. Terry Vanlent does such a great job. We need to check on signs that are down.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley reported that Cook Park has lots of leaves still. 5 cars were parked by Pickle Ball Courts but no one was using the courts. She wants us to talk about the parking issues.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that he has lots of ideas for the sports complex development. We found out that the City will be mailing out a survey to see what the residents want to see in the park soon.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report –

Shirley reported that the park looks great.

River walk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report

Shirley reported that the river walk, band shell and the CBD look great.

5. New Business

A. Gina's last meeting was tonight but due to her work schedule she was unable to make it.

B. Residents would like to see lights at the dog park so they can see when it gets too dark because of the time change. Bob suggested that we get some solar lights. The board liked this idea and thought the city should go ahead and buy some.

6. Open Business
  - A. Vision for each park ideas. The board decided we should wait till we get the results back from the city to get back the surveys.
7. Public Comments  
None.
8. Staff Comments  
None.
9. Chairman's Report  
Matthew has some ideas he got from the park in Traverse City he will e-mail us soon.
10. Commissioners' Comments  
Wish list for the board would be parking & lights in Cook Park.
11. Items For Next Agenda
12. Next Meeting  
The next meeting will be Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 5 PM.
13. Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Pickett