

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
November 14, 2024**

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

Shirley DeYoung moved to accept and place on file the minutes of, October 17, 2024. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob reported that:

1. Sherwood Park had the Veteran's Day event this past Monday and had a good turnout the parks are cleaned up and this restroom will stay open all winter.
2. We have been getting Pell Park ready for Christmas. The guys are working on the lights and displays at the shop.
3. In Hicks Park and downtown they had the Ladies night this past Friday and had a great turnout. We put some red lights on the trees and they will stay up through the Christmas holiday.
4. Pell Park is getting ready also. The guys plugged the frog in at the shop and its working.
5. We will be renting a hurricane blower to blow the leaves at Kenyon and Cook Parks next week.
6. We are waiting for USA Earthworks to get back to us on the damage done to Cook Park during the construction.
7. The number of people using out Pickle Ball Courts has decreased we think because of some other local cities adding new courts for people to use.
8. We will be ordering the dock for Darrow Park soon.
9. The State of Michigan will be still going forward with the river area development.
10. Lois is still working on getting grants for the erosion issues.
11. Bob would like ideas for the tree memorial plaques.
12. We poured the cement slabs for the picnic tables that Marsha purchased for Hicks Park.
13. We picked out a Christmas tree and will be getting it after Thanksgiving.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley reported that the park is ready for winter. The beds are all cleaned out.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that the park is fine.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew was unable to attend the meeting.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that the contractors working at the Old Orchard project seeded where the equipment had damaged the park. There is still lots of damage. The slide up there needs new wood. The park looks fine and there are not very many people playing pickle ball. The Dog Park is very busy.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis

Bob reported that the DPW is renting a hurricane blower to take care of the leaves.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that the park looks good and we are still waiting on the kayak/canoe launch. It will probably get put in next spring.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that the area looks good. There was a light discussion with Bob about some ideas and grants to redo the trestle.

5. New Business
 - A. None.
6. Open Business
 - A. Nothing was really discussed on the soil erosion by the river. The board members have decided to leave it on the agenda.
7. Public Comments
 - None.
8. Staff Comments
 - Cheryl let the board know that we had the debt crew paint the fire hydrants. They turned out really nice plus we saved money having them do it.
9. Chairman's Report
 - None.
10. Commissioners' Comments
 - Bunny said the DPW was wonderful as they helped with the new tree by the industrial park sign. She also let us know that there was going to be a Wellhead Protection program about clean water at the Library next Thursday November 21. The City will have some flyers to hand out.
11. Items For Next Agenda
 - Keep the soil erosion on the agenda.
12. Next Meeting
 - The next meeting will be Thursday, December 12, 2024 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 5:45PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett