

**MINUTES  
CITY OF PLAINWELL  
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION  
September 15, 2022**

1. Bunny LaDuke called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke, Shirley DeYoung, Cory Redder, Todd Overhuel and Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis. Absent: Matthew Bradley.

3. Approval of Minutes:

***Shirley DeYoung moved to accept and place on file the minutes of, August 11, 2022. Bob Nieuwenhuis supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.***

4. Parks:

Bob reported that we fixed the hole in the River Walk yesterday. We have been paving so we out sourced our mowing in Kenyon Park. We will get back to mowing and taking the flowers down now that we are done with the paving.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley reported that she went by today and the park looks great. There were a lot of people using the park. Bob mentioned that someone had suggested to him that we should create a basketball court for little kids.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that the park looks good and there was nothing new to report.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew was unable to attend the meeting. Shirley had went to all the parks so she reported that everything looks good. Cory mentioned that people were letting their dogs poop on the boardwalk so maybe we should put a doggy bag dispenser near there.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that park looked good and there were lots of people using the park. Especially using the pickle ball courts. The dog park was very busy too. Bob noted that we had just put more fresh woodchips in the park today. The area by the railroad tracks needs attention as there is a lot of garbage built up there.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis & Todd Overhuel

Todd reported that he drove by there today and it looks the same. Cory mentioned that his wife noticed a lot of garbage around the park so maybe we could say something to the Rocket football group to start cleaning up after themselves.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that there was nothing to report. Cory said that he noticed a kid fishing and he said he had caught some fish.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that there is still bees on the trestle. He also noticed that on the west side of the trestle there is part of the railing missing. He said the Band Shell looked good and there were a lot of people out for the karaoke event over Labor Day.

5. New Business  
A. None.

B.

6. Open Business
  - A. The Five Year Recreation Plan had already been discussed in the meeting just before our Parks & Trees meeting.
7. Public Comments  
None.
8. Staff Comments  
None.
9. Chairman's Report  
None.
10. Commissioners' Comments  
Bunny mentioned that there was a nice article about the butterflies in the Union Enterprise. Todd said there was good responses from what Denise put on line too. There was light discussion on complaints about the Trestle Bridge. Todd Overhuel mentioned that the jail restoration fund had a little over \$300.00 in it.
11. Items For Next Agenda
12. Next Meeting  
The next meeting will be Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 5 PM. Also we will have another Recreation Board meeting before our Parks & Trees meeting just before the meeting.
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 5:29 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Pickett