

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
April 17, 2025**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Marsha Keeler, Shirley DeYoung, Cory Redder and Council Member Brad Keeler. Absent Bunny LaDuke and Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Brad Keeler moved to accept and place on file the minutes of February 13, 2025. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob was not able to make the meeting and had said that he didn't have anything new to report.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley reported that she just got back from vacation and hadn't had a chance to look over the park. Brad mentioned that the owners of Dean's Ice Cream want to plant some flowers on the edge of their property and our park. They told Brad that they would purchase them and care for them.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Marsha asked if the DPW can cut back the butterfly bushes and cut back the grasses so the new growth can come through. She marked the plants that needed trimmed with some flags.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that he has not had a chance to go to the park recently. Cheryl mentioned that there have been compliments on the new tables that Marsha had paid to have put in.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that Upper Cook Park looks pretty disheveled. Brad mentioned that the City still had money we held back from the contractor that did the work to make the repairs and we were still waiting to hear back from them. He also noticed there was ripped landscaping timbers in the lower part of the park.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis

Bob/Brad reported that he didn't have anything. Cheryl mentioned that the debt crew had picked up sticks and raked. The DPW will be using our roller to even out the space.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Bunny was unable to make the meeting. Cheryl mentioned that the new owner beside the park has started the process of getting all of his permits and hopes to start building soon.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that the area is getting flooded from the rain.

5. New Business

- A. Matthew Bradley had mentioned that he had wanted to head up a volunteer day to clean up the parks. He was unable to make last month's meeting so we were unable to get the information on time to get this set up. Bob had said that the DPW will be cleaning up the parks this week so we will try to do this next year. It was mentioned that maybe we could reach out to the school for the high school seniors that need community service.

6. Open Business

Cheryl updated the board on the Arbor Day events taking place this Friday April 25, 2025.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Staff Comments

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Cheryl mentioned about the city having the trees and debris taken out of the river areas by the bridges in the city.

9. Chairman's Report
None.

10. Commissioners' Comments
Brad Keeler brought up the idea again about changing the meetings for the parks & trees to quarterly meetings. A small discussion took place. There was a motion made by Brad Keeler and supported by Marsha Keeler to change the meetings to quarterly. It was voted on and 3 to 2 in favor of this. Then another discussion took place to table this till next month's meeting when Bob and Bunny are back.

11. Items For Next Agenda
- Changing meetings to quarterly meetings (starting in July)

12. Next Meeting
The next meeting will be Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

Shirley DeYoung moved to adjourn the meeting. Matthew Bradley supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett