

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
December 12, 2024**

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

3. Approval of Minutes:

Shirley DeYoung moved to accept and place on file the minutes of, November 14, 2024. Bob Nieuwenhuis supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob reported that:

1. Christmas is all set up in the parks.
2. Sherwood nothing is really going on.
3. Pell nothing new.
4. Hicks (2) new tables thanks to Marsha Keeler.
5. Miss Dig was called and the ground was marked and the card people still put the cards up where it was marked not to.
6. We got a really nice tree.
7. We built huge presents to fill in the gaps around part of the tree.
8. We got a complaint about sledding and the leaves still being there because the snow came before we had the leaves all picked up.
9. Kenyon Park Bob accidentally dug up the ground when he was plowing snow. We can fix it in the spring.
10. Darrow is good.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley reported that she went by today and she liked that we had Christmas lights around the top of the restroom.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that the park looked cold and white.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that he drove by today and the park looked very festive.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that he walked through the park over the weekend and he noticed a few pickle ball players and upper cook was still pretty tore up from the construction. Bob added that the city held back \$60,000 from the project and 25,000 is for the restoration of the park.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis

Brad had nothing to add as he has not been to the park.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that the park looks good but it has no Christmas decorations.

River walk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that the river walk looks good but it was slippery when walking on it down to the tree lighting. Bob noted that the debt crew had been through there and shoveled and salted. Cory wondered if we could put some Christmas stuff at the Band Shell.

5. New Business

A. None.

6. Open Business

- A. Erosion: A small discussion took place about the erosion issue. Cory said that Lois Cutcher is working on looking for grants. Brad said the State is in charge of the erosion. The issue will be discussed at a later meeting.

7. Public Comments
None.

8. Staff Comments
None.

9. Chairman's Report
None.

10. Commissioners' Comment: Bunny LaDuke thanked the City DPW for letting her group use some the greens from the old well #5 property.

11. Items For Next Agenda: 5 year plan and how we are doing on this.

12. Next Meeting
The next meeting will be Thursday, January 16 2025 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 5:50 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett