

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
January 22, 2024**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 4:58 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke, Shirley DeYoung, Cory Redder and Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis. Absent: Council Member Todd Overhuel.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Shirley DeYoung moved to accept and place on file the minutes of, December 14, 2023. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob reported that there is nothing going on in the parks because of the snow. Due to the weather there will be no ice rink this year.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley reported that the park was covered in snow.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that the park was covered in snow.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

5. New Business

A. None.

6. Open Business

A. None.

7. Public Comments:

Ken Hopp and Rick Zane came in to talk to the board about the pickle ball courts. They said they have 5 courts that they have raised money to get the courts all set up and the volunteers have been maintaining it since 2015/2016. It is getting to be a lot for them so they would like the city to take them over as they are located in the city park. The approximate cost to resurface the courts is around 7000.00 each so \$35,000 or more. They have some money in an account that the city is holding for them. Bob and Justin both talked to them about the city not having the money to put into the courts. Several board members had suggestions about fund raising and setting up a 501-C3 account and maybe start having people pay a membership fee to raise or applying for grants. Justin will check into some of the grants that could be applied for in the future.

8. Staff Comments

None.

9. Chairman's Report
None.

10. Commissioners' Comments

The library will be doing a gardening plot with raised beds this spring to encourage people to garden. The produce from these gardens will go to the needy. Bunny also asked about the Kayak lady Lois who came to a meeting about putting in a new launch in the river. Justin updated the board and said they had been working with the state and it looks like they will be able to get it put in this summer.

11. Items For Next Agenda

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

Marsha Keeler moved to adjourn the meeting. Cory Redder supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett