

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
October 17, 2024**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke, Shirley DeYoung and Cory Redder. Absent Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis and Council Member Todd Overhuel and Bunny LaDuke.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Shirley DeYoung moved to accept and place on file the minutes of, September 12, 2024. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Cheryl reported for Bob that:

1. The DPW poured concrete for the new picnic tables coming to Hicks Park.
2. There was a broken gas meter in Hicks Park that had to be repaired by Michigan Gas.
3. Wade got the irrigation all blown out.
4. We put the pumpkins and mums out ahead of Pumpkins in the Park.
5. We have been keeping the mums and new plants watered.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley reported that the park looks good and there were kids playing when she was there.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that the park looks good. The roses and butterfly bushes are still blooming.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that he noticed the gas company there when he walked through and they let him know that the park used to be lighted by gas lights and that line is still in the ground. He noticed the new concrete slabs and they look good.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that he did not walk through the park because it's still a mess with all the equipment up there. The paving looks good. Lower Cook looks fine there were lots of dogs.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis

Bob/Todd were both absent there was a light discussion about the park being used by the Rocket Football program. The ball fields don't seem to be used much.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Bunny was absent but Shirley said the park looks fine.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that the area looks fine and there is nothing new to report.

5. New Business

A. **Porch Fest:** Matthew went to Troy Ohio to visit his brother and he went to the porch fest. He said the town people opened up their porches to musicians. They had a lot of people there to watch. He thought it would be fun if Plainwell could do something like this. He showed the board pictures of the event.

6. Open Business

A. **Soil Erosion:** Cory let the board know that Lois is still digging into this and she spoke with the DNR and they advised her to check with EGLE (the State of Michigan) because they may have some funding that the city can apply for. Matthew suggested that we check with other cities that might be having the same issues. We will table this conversation to when Bunny gets back.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Staff Comments

None.

9. Chairman's Report

None.

10. Commissioners' Comments

It was shared that there were some pictures posted from Charlevoix and there was art made out of used shop metal.

11. Items For Next Agenda:

Continued discussion about the soil erosion along the river.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 14, 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 5:55PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett