

**MINUTES  
CITY OF PLAINWELL  
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION  
April 11, 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, Cory Redder and Council Member Todd Overhuel. Also Attending: City Manager Justin Lakamper. Absent: Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis.
3. Approval of Minutes:

***Shirley DeYoung moved to accept and place on file the minutes of January 22, 2024. Cory Redder supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.***

4. Parks:  
Bob was not able to make the meeting.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley reported that she was at the park yesterday and it looked good. She let the board know that they had added more plants to the Cancer Bed. She did have a concern that near the concrete walls the timber ties are falling away and washing out. They already talked to Bob about this matter.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that her and Shirley had been cleaning up and weeding so it looks good.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that he had not got a chance to look at the park recently. Shirley said that they weeded some of that park too. She said there were kids playing and the fern bed is coming up.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that there are a lot of items in the park from the construction in that neighborhood as that area is being used as a staging spot. He noticed that the heavy items are making that walkway crumble even more. The Pickle Ball courts are starting to get used now. He noticed that there is graffiti still on the door.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis

Todd reported that he had not been in the park this week but last week it looked great.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that the park looks great.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that the trestle bridge has lots of rotted railroad ties.

5. New Business
  - A. None.
6. Open Business
  - A. Update of Arbor Day. Cheryl let the board know that we have been working with the Library. So far we are meeting at the Library on April 26, at 1:00 to hand out 50 seedlings and the mayor or someone representing the city will read something about Arbor Day.

B. Update on Darrow Park Ramp/Dock. Justin came into the meeting to let the board know that Denise will be applying for a grant for this. The grant application starts the beginning of May. The board had copies of the 2 ideas on what we are looking to put in their agenda packets.

6. Public Comments

None.

7. Staff Comments

None.

8. Chairman's Report

None.

9. Commissioners' Comments

Bunny mentioned that they are looking for volunteers to get seedlings ready for Arbor Day. Her group will be at the Otsego Township Hall on Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 7pm.

10. Items For Next Agenda

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 5 PM.

12. Adjournment

***Matthew Bradley 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 5:49 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Pickett