

City of Plainwell



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AGENDA

Parks & Trees Commission
Thursday, January 17, 2019
5:00pm

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes and Summary Regular Meeting of December 13, 2018
4. Park Report
 - A. Commissioner Follow Up
 - Cook ~ Tom Belco
 - Darrow ~ Sandy Lamorandier
 - Hicks ~ Bunny LaDuke
 - Kenyon ~ Matthew Bradley
 - Pell ~ Sandy Lamorandier
 - Riverwalk & CBD ~ Gina Berry
 - Sherwood ~ Marsha Keeler
5. New Business:
 - A. Dog Park Entrance
6. Open Business:
 - A. Love Your Hometown Grant – Allegan County Community Foundation
 - B. Review the “Summary List” of unfinished items.
7. Public Comments
8. Staff Comments
9. Chairman’s Report
10. Commissioners’ Comments
11. Next Meeting / Items for Agenda: Thursday, February 14, 2019
12. Adjournment

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
December 13, 2018**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Tom Belco, Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke and Sandra Lamorandier. Absent: Todd Overhuel and Gina Berry.
3. Approval of Minutes:

Tom Belco moved to accept and place on file the minutes and summary of November 15, 2018. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried; Sandra Lamorandier abstained

4. Parks:
Photos were shared with the commissioners from Bob Nieuwenhuis regarding the work the DPW is doing in all of the parks; Painting the trash cans green and the picnic tables the boardwalk color.

Cook Park Maintenance Report

Tom reported that someone spun donuts in between the pavilion and the fence. Bunny commented that the road to the pavilion is muddy and becoming rutty; suggested the need for more gravel or pavement be considered. Bunny reminded the board about the two new trees that were planted at the park and suggested plaques to convey tree type and donor. Sandy will call Dr. Hooks. Bunny also mentioned that she was contacted by E-Z Tree; they still have not been paid. The payment is supposed to come from Modern Woodmen of America, not the City.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report - Sandy Lamorandier

Nothing new

Hicks Park Maintenance Report - Bunny LaDuke

The Carousel and the Carolers look cute.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that the new sign looks great.

Pell Park Maintenance Report - Todd Overhuel, Sandra Lamorandier

Nothing to report

Riverwalk/CBD – Gina Berry

No report

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report - Marsha Keeler

Drove by today, it's desolate, looks the same. Bunny brought up the Blue Star Memorial for the Chula Vista Club; Pauline had a discussion with a gentleman she did not know regarding moving it due to past flooding. She thought he said within the Veteran's Memorial Grounds. Bunny suggested it does need to move to higher ground; she would like to see it go to the garden on Acorn Street.

5. New Business:
Arbor Day date – Tom reported that he spoke with the Plainwell Choir teacher, Denise Beauchamp, and she is willing to have the choir at our next arbor day depending on the date and time; he wanted to make those selections. Sandy said we first need to discuss it with the recipient of the tree and their

family to set the date, time and location. Tom reminded the group that it is Diana Lubic: Sandy will get in touch with them.

6. Open Business:

Love Your Hometown Grant – from the Allegan County Community Foundation - there was discussion about how to use the money. Bunny mentioned that she has been asked about the Boy and Girl under the Umbrella statue that used to be in front of City Hall not that many years ago. It was removed due to the damage it was suffering from the elements and has been safely stored away. Bunny suggested a shelter for the statue so it can be displayed again maybe in Hicks Park. The cost would probably be greater than the \$1,000 available. Another suggestion was made regarding the flower baskets and need for irrigation on the M-89 bridge on Allegan Street; also, some way to improve the aesthetic of that portion of the road into Plainwell. There was talk about the old roses along the fence which were beautiful, but disappeared while in Bankruptcy. Bunny suggested some “knock-out” roses along the fences to help beautify that section of Allegan Street. A decision was made to write the grant for the aesthetic improvement of M-89 with irrigation on the bridge for future flower planters and the roses along the fence. They will seek approval from Erik Wilson and speak to Denise Siegel about writing the grant. Bunny volunteered to write the grant if Denise is unavailable.

7. Public Comments
None.

8. Staff Comments
Sandy wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

9. Chairman’s Report
None.

10. Commissioners’ Comments
None.

11. Next Meeting
The next meeting will be Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 5 PM.

12. Adjournment

Sandra Lamorandier moved to adjourn the meeting, Tom Belco supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Shirley DeYoung
Administration Staff