

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
October 12, 2017**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Bunny LaDuke, Marsha Keeler, Justin Burchett, Gina Berry.
Absent: Sandy Lamorandier, Todd Overhuel.
3. Approval of Minutes:

Marsha Keeler moved to accept and place on file the minutes and summary of , 2017. Sandy Lamorandier supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:
Sherwood Park Maintenance Report - Marsha Keeler
Marsha reported that all is well in the park.

Pell Park Maintenance Report - Todd Overhuel, Sandra Lamorandier
Neither were present but no issues were reported.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report - Bunny LaDuke
Bunny reported that she looked into Christmas ferns for new bed in Pell. Potted ferns would cost about \$7 each and she calculates that we need 300. She thinks bare root ferns would be less expensive and she will look into that option. Another Chula Vista member said that she has a field of Christmas that we could harvest for free; Bunny will check it out.

Cook Park Maintenance Report
Justin reported that Cook is pretty empty now.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley
Matthew reported that the softball season continues at Kenyon. The new fences are holding up well.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report - Sandy Lamorandier
Sandy was not here to report.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Gina Berry
Gina reported that she saw no problems and she walks the area almost daily.

5. New Business
None.

6. Open Business
 - A. Rotary Tree Donation
Allen Deming was present representing the Plainwell Area Rotary. He explained that their new national chairman is urging each Rotary member to donate a tree into their local community. There are about 30 members locally, and he is acting as their liaison to the city to explore the potential. Commissioners noted that we have a berm along the Riverwalk behind Kraze Dance Studio that we would like to see planted with small flowering trees, and other potential locations would be shade trees planted in Cook Park to shade the dog park being build next year and the pickle ball courts that are under construction and will be completed in the spring. Allen noted that the Rotary had donated toward the dog park and he feel the members would really like that option. He asked about the cost of trees; Gluchowski noted that the city often works with Honeytree Nursery, and he is welcome to give

them a call, but the Rotary members are welcome to work with anyone they choose. Allen will report back to the Rotary members, and will keep in touch.

B. Dog Park update

Denise has already left for the day, we will try to get an update for the November meeting.

C. Autumn Newsletter

Commissioners suggested several edits to the draft that Sheryl had prepared. She will make the changes and get it downtown for inclusion in the water bills. We will plan another newsletter in late winter/early spring

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Staff Comments

Sheryl suggested that Commissioners begin thinking about planning sessions for the 2018 season, and asked who is interested in participating this year. Marsha noted that the sessions are usually held during the day. Marsha, Matthew, Gina and Bunny are all interested, even if it means using vacation to be involved. We can draft a schedule for the next meeting.

9. Chairman's Report

None.

10. Commissioners' Comments

Justin noted that this is his last meeting, as he will be out of town in November and his term expires in December. Commissioners wished him well, noting that he will be missed.

11. Items For Next Agenda / Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, 2017 at 5 PM.

12. Adjournment

Matthew Bradley 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 6:05 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Sheryl Gluchowski
Deputy Clerk