

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
October 14, 2021**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke, Shirley DeYoung, Gina Berry, Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis. Absent: Gina Berry and Todd Overhuel.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Shirley DeYoung moved to accept and place on file the minutes of September 16, 2021. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob reported that we had to order a new slide this summer and we have been working on fixing the bridge at Sherwood Park. Hopefully we can apply for some grants to replace the 20 plus year old playground equipment. Our grant for the Pell Park gazebo was rejected, so we will just fix what we have to make it look better. After replacing 300 plus bulbs because of people breaking them, we installed some rope lighting for the river walk. There was a small discussion from concerns by Bunny LaDuke about the color or the lighting and a possible bug issue. The bathroom roof at Pell Park is finished. Hicks Park was very busy with Pumpkins in the Park, Ladies night and the Sun Lot Trick or Treating. Cook Park has new signs instructing people to slow down and watch for kids and animals. Kenyon Park football program will be wrapping up soon. There will be Softball leagues next year. We need to get the fields ready and figure out a fee schedule. Darrow park is doing good. We got the River Walk painted. Bunny asked what we are doing to generate more money for the parks. She will talk to some people she knows to see if we could have someone head up a board for this.

While Bob was covering the updates for the City in the Parks there was general discussion by the board members for their Parks.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report - Marsha Keeler

Pell Park Maintenance Report - Todd Overhuel, Gina Berry
Gina was not at the meeting.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report - Bunny LaDuke
Bunny reported that

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Gina Berry
Gina was not at the meeting.

River walk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report Gina Berry
Gina was not at the meeting.

5. New Business

- A. Ideas for Kenyon Park was discussed. Bob suggested we name the football part of the park after Conklin and reach out to the family to see if they would be interested in donating. Bunny and Matthew will reach out to people they know about getting some help to head this project up.
- B. The City reached out to the Parks and Trees Board to see what they thought about adding event fees to the Pickle Ball Courts when they have tournaments. The board feels the city should charge more than 200.00. Maybe 300.00 to 500.00. The board also had some parking concerns.

6. Open Business:
None.

7. Public Comments
None.

8. Staff Comments
None.

9. Chairman's Report
None.

10. Commissioners' Comments
None.

11. Items For Next Agenda

12. Next Meeting
The next meeting will be Thursday, November 11th 2021 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett