

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
June 13, 2019**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke, Sandra Lamorandier, Tom Belco. Absent: Gina Berry, Todd Overhuel. Also attending: Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis, City Manager Erik Wilson.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Sandra Lamorandier moved to accept and place on file the minutes of May 16, 2019. Tom Belco supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob Nieuwenhuis waited to talk about the parks till the new business portion of the meeting.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report - Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that the cancer bed looked bad. There was some discussion about adding different flowers.

Pell Park Maintenance Report - Todd Overhuel, Sandra Lamorandier

Sandy reported that the park looks good. She also thought the DPW did a great job fencing in the flowers during the festival.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report - Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that the park looks good. She thought the ferns needed weeded but Bob let her know they just got it cleaned up today.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Tom Belco

Tom reported that the park and the driveway look good. Bob let the board know that the Faithway Church Youth Group were scheduled to come in on June 23rd to paint and clean up the park as long as the rain held out.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that the park was in good shape. Bob noted that the middle ball field will be rented out to different groups.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report - Sandra Lamorandier

Sandra reported that the park looks good and she was pleased that people have been using this park.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report

Gina was absent. Mathew noted that Music in the Park had started and he noticed that the bandshell needs some attention new paint/stain and the Riverwalk needed it too.

5. New Business

A. Plainwell Auto plans for the side of the building where the trees were taken out. Matthew brought plans from a while ago when this project was talked about. Bob agreed that we can get this done. We have a bench and flower pots already and it wouldn't be much to buy a bike rack and they have plans to pour cement. The board was pleased with these ideas.

B. Bob let the board know the reasons he wants the message boards to come down. Mowing issues/maintenance and the fact no one has used them in years. A motion by Tom Belco supported by Marsha Keeler to have the boards taken down. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

C. The butterfly garden being moved across the street to Jensen Lot was discussed if the new business that purchased Arlene's decided to expand the building and take the space that the garden is currently using. A motion by Sandra

Lamorandier and supported by Tom Belco to move the garden if needed. On a voice vote, motion carried unanimously. Sandra had some concerns about irrigation if the garden moved to the lot.

6. Open Business

A. 145 W Second Ave tree issue was discussed again. Marsha Keeler made a motion to recommend that we do not take the trees down and Tom Belco supported it. On a voice vote the motion carried unanimously

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Staff Comments

Patching will be taking place on Bridge Street soon.

9. Chairman's Report

None.

10. Commissioners' Comments

Bunny LaDuke had a question on where to mail a donation for the River to River Trail. Erik will ask Denise and get back with the board.

11. Items For Next Agenda

Bunny LaDuke suggested that we talk about invasive species issues soon. She had a flyer on the subject

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

Sandra Lamorandier 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 5:45 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett