

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
April 11th, 2019**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Bunny LaDuke, Sandy Lamorandier, Tom Belco, Marsha Keeler
Absent: Gina Berry & Todd Overhuel. Also attending: Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis, City Manager Erik Wilson.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Sandy Lamorandier moved to accept and place on file the minutes and summary of March 14, 2019. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:
Bob reported that the wood chips were put in at the dog park back in March. Cook Park & Kenyon Park need to have a spring clean soon. The flower beds will be coming soon.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report - Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that the park looks good. It was announced that the start of the construction of Sherwood Park & Sherwood Ave will be starting after Plainwell Days in June. The veterans John Roggow and Dick Lubic came in and brought some pictures and plans of what they will be doing to the Veteran's Memorial. They answered a lot of questions and plan to work closely with the city to make the project a success.

Pell Park Maintenance Report - Todd Overhuel, Sandra Lamorandier

Sandra Lamorandier reported that the park looks good. A vintage row group approached the city about moving part of the dock so they can load and unload easier. Bob will call them and they will figure out a plan. Sandy made a motion to recommend that the city will look into getting a plan in place Tom Belco Supported the motion.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report - Bunny LaDuke

Bunny LaDuke reported that the ferns are doing good.

Cook Park Maintenance Report

Tom Belco reported that the park looks good and was pleased that the wood chips were put down so fast. .

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew Bradley reported that the fence and grass look good at the park.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report - Sandy Lamorandier

Sandy reported that the park looks good.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Gina Berry

Gina was absent.

5. New Business

Further discussion took place about more concerns and questions with the veteran's plans for the park Erik will have Bryan and Bob review the manhole issues (lift station). Tom Belco made a motion

to recommend that the veteran's take their plan to council to have them approve it. Sandra Lamorandier made a motion to accept it and on a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Bunny LaDuke had concerns and suggested that the Blue Star Garden be moved to the Industrial Park. She feels it should be near the beds that her group takes care of and it will also protect it from flooding issues in the park.

Erik reported that the city received a couple of letters from the 2 residents about taking city trees down. 145 W Second Ave Chris Madden 3 trees because of they are too much for her to keep up with all the leaves. The other one 1159 W Bridge St Richard & Jan Katje for allergy reasons. Sandra Lamorandier suggested that they be careful in the reasons people want the trees down so this was tabled till the next meeting.

A church group has requested to use the softball field once a week on Tuesdays all summer long. A motion was made by Tom Belco and supported by Sandra Lamorandier to let the church use the field. On a voice vote motion was carried unanimously.

6. Open Business

The tree for Arbor Day will be placed by the large dog park near the pavilion. Bunny LaDuke made a motion to approve the placement and Tom Belco supported it. On a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Reminder Arbor Day will be April, 26, 2019.

Flower planting day will be May, 18, 2019.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Staff Comments

Erik Wilson did a quick presentation about the city budget to let the board know where the city stood financially.

9. Chairman's Report

None.

10. Commissioners' Comments

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, May,16, 2019 at 5 PM.

12. Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett