

**MINUTES  
CITY OF PLAINWELL  
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION  
May 16, 2019**

1. Bunny LaDuke called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Gina Berry, Bunny LaDuke, Sandy Lamorandier, Tom Belco, Marsha Keeler  
Absent: Matthew Bradley & 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 April 11, 2019. Tom Belco supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously. Bunny LaDuke commented that we don't have to approve the minutes anymore. I spoke to the City Clerk Brian Kelley and he confirmed that we do have to approve the minutes.***

4. Parks:

Bob reported that the beds are ready for planting day. They are working on the Sun Lot it should be sealed and done soon. The Cook Park landscaping should be done after the ground dries out..

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report - Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that the park looks good. Bob still needs to put down pea stone in the park.

Pell Park Maintenance Report - Todd Overhuel, Sandra Lamorandier

Sandra Lamorandier reported that the park looks good and will look pretty after planting day this Saturday.

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 Arbor Day went well. He said the wood chips in the dog park were working well .

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew Bradley was absent. Bob let the board know that they are using the new mower to mow.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report - Sandy Lamorandier

Sandy reported that the park looks good.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Gina Berry

Gina reported that she had not had a chance to check these areas out. Bob reported that the bee nest will be cleared out of the Band Shell.

5. New Business

Jim Spurr of the Vintage Row Club came to the meeting to introduce himself to the board and explain his organization. They want to start using the river and inquired about moving part of the dock that we already have to an area so they and others can use it without having to go through the spillway. He has walked the property with Bob and has discussed a plan. Tom Belco recommended the city move

part of the floating dock from the Millrace to the Kalamazoo River. Sandra Lamorandier supported it. Voice vote approved and it will need to go to council for further planning and approval.

Bunny LaDuke and Tom Belco had concerns and suggested that the Blue Star Garden be moved to the Industrial Park. This subject will be tabled pending more information as the River to River Trail might be going through this area.

6. Open Business

The subject of the tree issue on First Ave was discussed and tabled again.

The Island City Festival will take place this coming weekend.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Staff Comments

Erik Wilson would like more information on the River to River Trail on where do we send the money.

9. Chairman's Report

None.

10. Commissioners' Comments

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, June,13, 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 6:12 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Pickett