

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
June 17, 2021**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke, Gina Berry, Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis. Tom Belco arrived at 5:18 pm Absent: Todd Overhuel.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Marsha Keeler moved to accept and place on file the minutes of May 13, 2021. Gina Berry supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob reported that Sherwood Park concrete for the flower pots was put in. In Pell Park Denise is writing a grant to get a new gazebo built. In Hicks park the irrigation to the fern bed has been fixed and we have a tree issue that is blocking the sprinkler. In cook Park the trees are gone (Consumers took them out) we are waiting on Troy Stefl to give us a drawing of his ideas for the park area. The River walk is being painted by our debt crew. We have been trying to figure out a watering schedule for the flowers. Our volunteers are doing a nice job on our flower beds.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report - Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that she had not been there is a few days. She asked about the basketball nets needing to be replaced and the DPW took care of that a little bit ago. Bob mentioned that Jerry of Dean's Ice Cream has requested Sherwood Ave in front of his store be blocked off on Mondays for his car show.

Pell Park Maintenance Report - Todd Overhuel, Gina Berry

Gina reported that the park looked good.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report - Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that the park looks wonderful. She was very happy about the irrigation. There was a birthday party there recently for Charlene Bailey 95 years old.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Tom Belco

Tom reported that the dog park looks fine. Pickle ball courts are going crazy, very busy. People are coming from all over to play. The pavilion at the park has a new roof.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that the park was very dry. It was mentioned that soccer was being played every Wednesday but that has ended for the season.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Gina Berry

Gina reported that she noticed the red house next to the park is being torn down.

River walk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report Gina Berry

Gina reported that the river walk looked good. She spoke about the trestle should be dog friendly. Bob mentioned that it would be nice but expensive to do this.

5. New Business

- A. Going over meeting rules of the City Parks & Trees. It was stated that if we don't have a quorum or anything to vote on we would not have a meeting. The board members disagreed and they would like a meeting every month. They even wonder if we can get more board members so we would always have a quorum. We will talk to Brian Kelley about this

6. Open Business

- A. Noah Hardesty will be interviewed by the local paper. He contacted us just before this meeting and I called the paper and they will call him and get everything set up.

- B. Troy Stefl talked with Bob and he has not got a chance to get the plans ready for the park area where the trees were taken out by Consumers Power. He will contact the city when they are ready.

7. Public Comments
None.

8. Staff Comments

It was mentioned that Todd Overhuel is out of the hospital and doing better.

9. Chairman's Report
None.

10. Commissioners' Comments

- 1. Bunny asked that we check into putting timers on the lights because they are killing our insects.
- 2. Acorn Street has a new flag at the Blue Star memorial.
- 3. Weeds on overpass need attention. Bob said he would have the debt crew take care of it.

11. Items For Next Agenda ask about getting a new member on the board. What is the process?

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

Tom Belco 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