

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
October 12, 2023**

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

3. Approval of Minutes:

Cory Redder moved to accept and place on file the minutes of September 14, 2023. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob reported that the proposal for the Sherwood Park splash pad will not be done because the cost is too much \$170,000.00. The grant for the fitness court did not go through so we won't be putting that in Sherwood Park either. Bob had a meeting with Fleis and Vandenbrink about applying for a grant for the trestle bridge. If there is public interest we can gain points toward our grant application for the DNR. If we get a business to sponsor it will show the DNR that we really want this to go through. The dam project has hit some roadblocks with issues from a few property owners not wanting people on their property. At Pell Park the DPW poured a few concrete slabs. One for the memorial picnic table for the Pell family and one for the new voting box. The Pumpkins in the park will be in Pell Park this weekend. We found a Christmas tree. The Pickle ball lights should be going in soon. We have a new owner to the Old Plank Road called Bloom Eatery.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley reported that they cut back the plants. The park looks good.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that the park looks good.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew was not able to make it to the meeting.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that he noticed the beds were cut back. The bathroom urinal was running. The park looked clean and mowed. There were pickle ball players.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis

Todd reported that he was there last week and it looked good. Bob said we had just had Brian Whitney mow the park.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that the park looks great and she took pictures.

River walk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that there was nothing much to report and the area looks nice and cleaned up.

5. New Business

- A. Lois who owns the kayak place in town came to talk to the board about getting a ramp put in by Darrow Park. She brought pictures and explained that this will help with the erosion problem at this park. She said maybe we could apply for a grant and or raise funds from the public. Bob said we can find out more information from the DNR about a permit. The board seemed very interested in this. Lois also mentioned that we should do a river clean up event.

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 16, 2023 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett