

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
November 16, 2023**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Bunny LaDuke, Shirley DeYoung, Cory Redder and City Manager Justin Lakamper
Absent: Marsha Keeler, Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis and Council Member Todd Overhuel.
3. Approval of Minutes:

Cory Redder moved to accept and place on file the minutes of, October 12, 2023. Shirley DeYoung supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:
Bob was unable to make the meeting. Cheryl Pickett let the board know a few things per Bob. 1. We are waiting on the price for the flower order for next spring. 2. The new table for Jim Pell's father has been put in Pell Park 3. The DPW are picking up leaves. 4. We winterized the restrooms at Cook & Kenyon Parks this week. 5. We are getting ready to put out Christmas decorations.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley reported that the park looks great and it's very busy with the nice weather we've been having. The playground is very busy.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Marsha wasn't able to make the meeting. None of the other board members noticed anything.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that the park looks great. It's very busy. He was concerned about the stain on the boardwalk. He said it needs to be redone soon. I let him know we would not be able to get to it till spring or summer of next year.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that the park looks good and is very busy. The dog area and Pickle Ball areas are really busy.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis

Bob/Todd were not able to make the meeting. The board thought it wasn't too busy with football being over.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that the park looks great. She's excited about the ideas that Lois told us about in our last meeting.

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

Cory reported that the area looks good. He did notice a broken piece of conduit with electrical wires coming out of it. We will say something to the guys so they can check it out.

5. New Business
A. None
6. Open Business
A. Nothing was on the agenda but Justin was at the meeting and wanted to share about the fitness court with the board. The city was unable to get the funds/grant to make it happen so the court will not be going in. However Denise spoke with the two companies (Motan & Michigan Gas) to see if we could still use the money for a health activity in the park and they said yes. So she has an idea that Justin presented for a small outdoor stand-alone gym. The board was not happy with this. They think we should upgrade/fix the current playground equipment in the park. There are a lot of families that come to our parks. Justin will talk to the businesses and see if we can change the use of the grant money.
7. Public Comments
None.
8. Staff Comments

9. Chairman's Report
None.
10. Commissioners' Comments
None.
11. Items For Next Agenda
12. Next Meeting
The next meeting will be Thursday, December 14 2023 at 5 PM.
13. Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett