

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
February 13, 2020**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke, Tom Belco, Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis. Absent: Todd Overhuel & Gina Berry

3. Approval of Minutes:

Tom Belco moved to accept and place on file the minutes of January 16, 2020. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob reported that the Snowball Festival that was held at Kenyon Park was a success. The DPW took the bushes with the poisonous berries out of the park. The Music Society (Jay Miller) contacted the city about the roots of trees becoming tripping hazards for the people who come to their events so they would like the trees taken out but there is still an issue with needing shade in the summer. Bob asked to board to go over and look at the area and come back to the next meeting with their suggestions.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report - Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that she drove thru yesterday and she didn't notice very many people in the park and there are no issues.

Pell Park Maintenance Report - Todd Overhuel, Gina Berry

Gina didn't make it to the meeting but Bob mentioned that we put a new industrial toilet in the restroom

Hicks Park Maintenance Report - Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that there was nothing to report about the park but she wants us to figure out something for the ferns. She feels they didn't get enough water and maybe we should add some other plants with them.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Tom Belco

Tom reported that people are bringing their dogs to the park. No pickle ball yet.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that the electrical box near the pavilion is still broken. Bob let him know we would get it taken care of soon.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Gina Berry

Gina was not able to make it to the meeting.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report Gina Berry

Gina was not able to make it to the meeting.

5. New Business

- A. Hemlock Wooley Adelgid (an invasive species)

Bob had some information on this printed out for the board members to read up on.

6. Open Business

- A. There were questions about how the flowers this spring were going to get to Plainwell. The answer is that the DPW will go get them and bring them here for planting day.

- B. Pavilion Fees:

We handed out a mock park reservation/special event policy for the board to look over that Julie and Amanda from city hall drew up. The board looked it over and recommended that it go to Erik for review and then the city council.

7. Public Comments

We did the public comments first so Noah an (Eagle Scout) and his mom Amy didn't have to stay for the whole meeting. Noah is Eagle Scout that needs to do his Eagle Scout project and he's choosing to make some new bridge baskets for the city. We need to get him one of our old ones so he can get the measurements and start the project. Tom Belco made a motion to accept him building these for the city and Marsha Keeler supported it. On a voice vote the board voted unanimously to approve this.

8. Staff Comments

None.

9. Chairman's Report

None.

10. Commissioners' Comments

None.

11. Items For Next Agenda

Park reservation ideas.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cheryl Pickett