

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
July 16, 2020**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:04 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 zoom minutes of May14, 2020. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob reported that we have done a lot. We are getting reservations to rent out the park areas, flower beds have been changed around with lots of compliments on the flowers, The trees that were in the river by the trestle have been removed. Vet's Memorial is looking good. They have more bricks coming in along with some tables and a bench. We took trees out of Cook Park. We hopefully got the fertilizing/H2O schedule figured out. Lois from the kayak place is applying for a grant for the launch pad by Hicks Park. We cleaned up the Riverwalk. Tony Gless is having the last few pickle ball courts put in. We have reached out to the Music Society about the concrete/tree issue and have not got any response.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report - Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that her and Ann just finished weeding and the park looks good.

Pell Park Maintenance Report - Todd Overhuel, Gina Berry

Gina was absent so Marsha said it looked good.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report - Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that the fern bed was weeded and cleaned up and mulch was put in.

She asked about the baskets that were being made by Noah Hardesty for his Eagle project. We will get in touch with him.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Tom Belco

Tom reported that it looks good and commended the volunteers.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that the park looks well groomed. Bob gave Bill Hileski credit for how nice it looks.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Gina Berry

Gina was absent but Marsha said the park looked good.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report Gina Berry

Gina was absent but Marsha said the park looked good. She weeded a few weeks ago and the volunteers will be back to work on it.

5. New Business

- A. Bob had let the board know about the how the city was doing at the beginning of the meeting.
- B. Acorn/M89 gardens: The hose out there is too heavy and not long enough Bunny and Tom said the Chula Vista board will buy a new hose to replace the other. There might be a flag pole with a solar light going in soon. They will get back to us on this.

6. Business Open
 - A. Tom Belco spoke about contacting MSU to see if a grad student could come and do a project for the city. Not sure with the Covid -19 if we can get that this year. He will get back to the board about this.
7. Public Comments
None.
8. Staff Comments
A nice comment that was sent in by a resident Laurie Cahoon was read out loud complimenting the city on how great the flowers look this year.
9. Chairman's Report
Matthew reinstated how amazing the staff and volunteers are working to make our city look great. He brought up his idea of the bench area by Plainwell Auto and how the DPW made it happen.
10. Commissioners' Comments
None.
11. Items For Next Agenda
12. Next Meeting
The next meeting will be Thursday, August 13, 2020 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 5:36 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett