

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
April 15, 2021**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke & Tom Belco Absent: Todd Overhuel, Gina Berry & Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis.
3. Approval of Minutes:

Tom Belco moved to accept and place on file the minutes of the Zoom Meeting January 15, 2021. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob reported that:

Sherwood Park has had the sidewalks edged, overgrown bushes pulled around the benches and spring cleaning completed.

Pell Park had the sidewalks edged, irrigation repaired, new concrete and spring cleanup completed.

Cook Park will be edged this week Friday with assistance from the debt crew. We have completed the parking lot grading.

Kenyon Park has had a new lock installed on the door to the restrooms. The spring cleanup is complete.

Darrow Park the spring cleanup is complete.

River walk & Band shell the spring cleanup has been completed for this park also.

The lights on the river walk will be left on all year.

We are planning to have a few designs submitted for the parks and river walk areas that will be impacted do to the Consumers Energy tree removal.

The roofing work should happen before our next meeting.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report - Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that we need new netting on the basketball hoops.

Pell Park Maintenance Report - Todd Overhuel, Gina Berry

Gina was absent but Marsha/Bunny suggested we kill the weeds that are under the fish sculpture and plant some crown vetch for ground cover.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report - Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that there was nothing to report.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Tom Belco

Tom reported that everything is under control. The pickle ball courts are being used. The Dog Park is doing good too. It was suggested that we clean up the area near the train tracks and maybe see about closing that off.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that he had not been able to get to look at the park. Tom Belco asked if we could use some of our income money from people renting the park to build a storage space so they could store sporting equipment.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Gina Berry

Gina was absent

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report Gina Berry

Gina was absent

5. New Business

- A. Consumers Energy will be taking a bunch of trees that are within 40 feet of their power lines. The City is going to hire Troy Stefl to see if he can make a plan to help the area look good from the trees being taken out. The board wanted to know if he would be bringing blue prints to them so they can give suggestions.

- B. Parks & Trees Membership questions were asked. Cheryl was asked to check on the attendance and look through the policy. The board asked that Matthew being the Chairman check into this and talk with the members who are missing a lot of meetings to see if they still want to be on the board.
6. Open Business
- A. Arbor Day plans were brought to the board. We are honoring Jack Shoemaker this year and the celebration will be held at the Veteran's Memorial on Friday April 23, 2021 at 1:30pm.
7. Public Comments
None.
8. Staff Comments
None.
9. Chairman's Report
None.
10. Commissioners' Comments
None.
11. Items for the next Agenda
12. Next Meeting
The next meeting will be Thursday, May 13, 2021 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 5:52 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett