

**MINUTES  
CITY OF PLAINWELL  
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION  
July 13, 2023**

1. Bunny LaDuke called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke, Shirley DeYoung, Cory Redder and Council Member Todd Overhuel  
Absent: Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis. Also attending City Manager Justin LaKamper.

3. Approval of Minutes:

***Shirley moved to accept and place on file the minutes of, June 15, 2023 with one minor correction. Marsha Keeler supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.***

4. **Parks:**

Bob was not able to attend the meeting but he let us know that the fence is up in Hicks Park. Bunny had a suggestion that we move some of the roses that used to be on the mill property. They are at the DPW right now. So maybe they would look nice along the new fence line in Hicks Park along M-89 so people could enjoy them.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley reported that she went to the park today and it looked great. The basketball courts were very busy. She noticed the big white pot by the restrooms needed help.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that she was there recently and trimmed the Japanese Maple and noticed the base of the tree looks very stressed.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew was unable to come to the meeting. Shirley and Marsha said they planted some hostas in the park and they look nice.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that the park was very busy with pickle ball and the dogs. He said there was a wasp nest by the restrooms. The path that goes up to Upper Cook Park needs attention. It is not up to code (ADA). Can we get an estimate and maybe a grant to fix it?

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis

Todd reported that looks pretty good but no one was there.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that she went by yesterday and it looks fine.

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

Cory reported that it looks fine.

5. New Business

- A. Sculpture Garden Update: Bunny brought in pictures of the work her garden club did to make the area beautiful. She wondered if we could add this to the weed spray list.

6. Open Business

- A. None

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Staff Comments

Cheryl mentioned that we had to clean up graffiti by the library under the bridge.

9. Chairman's Report

None.

10. Commissioners' Comments

Shirley mentioned about getting a bucket for cigarette butts by the dog park. In addition, the board wants some updates about the 5-year plan. Have we put in for any grants for some updates to our parks besides the work out area? When is the river-to-river walkway going to start? Have we applied for any grants for that?

11. Items For Next Agenda

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

***Shirley DeYoung 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 5:55 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Pickett