

**MINUTES  
CITY OF PLAINWELL  
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION  
March 14, 2019**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Bunny LaDuke, Sandy Lamorandier, Tom Belco, Gina Berry  
Absent: Marsha Keeler & Todd Overhuel. Also attending: Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis, City Manager Erik Wilson.

3. Approval of Minutes:

***Tom Belco moved to accept and place on file the minutes and summary of January 17, 2019. Sandy Lamorandier and Gina Berry supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.***

4. Parks:

Bob reported that The Sherwood Park bathroom bids were over budget so they are checking into another company who does pre-fab buildings at a more reasonable price. The ice rink will be taken down soon. The DPW will be painting signs to match the benches. Plainwell Auto trees will be taken down and concrete and a bench will be going in. The debt crew will be cleaning up the parks soon. The Riverwalk will be painted this summer.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report - Marsha Keeler

Marsha was absent

Pell Park Maintenance Report - Todd Overhuel, Sandra Lamorandier

Nothing to report

Hicks Park Maintenance Report - Bunny LaDuke

Nothing to report

Cook Park Maintenance Report

Tom reported that the entrance to the dog park is very bumpy. There was a suggestion that we use the millings from the Sherwood project to put in the dog park. There will be wood chips put in for now.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Nothing to report

Darrow Park Maintenance Report - Sandy Lamorandier

Nothing to report

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Gina Berry

Nothing to report

5. New Business

- A. Further discussion on the dog park entrance the board liked the idea of wood chips for now and then using the millings from the Sherwood Ave project to make the entrance less of a mess.

- B. Love the Hometown Grant was discussed in great length. The voting ends March 31, 2019.
- C. There was also discussion about the Veteran's addition to the Veteran's Memorial. Erik suggested that they invite the gentleman to the next meeting so the board will be able to see the plans and ask questions.
- D. Playground cover options were discussed with some ideas from Bob Nieuwenhuis about using pea stone instead of mulch. A motion was made by Tom Belco and supported by Gina Berry to recommend the department of public works to experiment on one park at a time using the pea stone.

6. Open Business

- A. Erik Wilson will see if the Veterans will attend a meeting soon to let the board see their plans.
- B. Arbor day will be April, 26, 2019.
- C. Flower planting day will be May, 18, 2019.

7. Public Comments  
None.

8. Staff Comments  
None

9. Chairman's Report  
None.

10. Commissioners' Comments  
Tom Belco was upset that the fire hydrants were painted blue instead of red. Sandy Lamorandier liked the new LED lights

11. Next Meeting  
The next meeting will be Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 5 PM.

12. Adjournment

***Sandra Lamorandier moved to adjourn the meeting. Gina Berry 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