

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
July 14, 2022**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Bunny LaDuke, Shirley DeYoung, Cory Redder, Todd Overhuel and Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis on speaker phone. Absent: Marsha Keeler.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Shirley DeYoung moved to accept and place on file the minutes of May 12th, 2022. Cory Redder supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob reported that the DPW stamped and colored the concrete around the sculpture by City Hall, playground mulch was put down for Sherwood Park and Hicks Park, Lori Steele's friend is still on board to fix the sign in Kenyon Park, the city workers have been mowing and watering the flowers, the no mow May that we tried turned out good no huge hay fields and this month it's been so dry so we have been able to cut back on mowing a little bit.

Bunny requested a sprayer for the hose at the flower bed by Acorn Street.

A board member asked Bob about getting used playground equipment for the parks and Bob let them know that there are rules for playground equipment so we can't buy used equipment.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley reported that the park was busy. Someone inquired about when we will be fixing the trestle bridge. There is a net at the basketball courts that needs replaced.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Marsha was not at the meeting so Shirley spoke on her behalf. She said the park looks beautiful. Cory said that the gazebo looks great.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that the boardwalk looks great and so do the flowers. He noticed that the on the walkway just before going under the bridge there is a board coming up that needs to be replaced.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that the park looks good and there were a lot of people using the pickle ball courts. He said the road in between the pavilion and the dog park might need some attention soon. He said there was a picnic table that was moved under the bridge area by the park that the city might want to move back.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis

Bob covered Kenyon in his main update of the parks. It was mentioned to Todd Overhuel that he could take over this park from Bob so he has a park to watch over. We will check with Bob and Todd at the next meeting to see if that's what they want to do.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that said the park looked good. She inquired about a hose that was there. The staff let her know that was there to water the flowers. She requested that we put a sprayer on the hose by Acorn Street for those flower beds.

Riverwalk, Band Shell & CBD Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that there are more boards that need repair on that side of the boardwalk also.

5. New Business

A. We spoke about the Public Servants Day coming up July 17, 2022 at 11 am.

6. Open Business

A. None.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Staff Comments

It was discussed about Todd taking over Kenyon Park for Bob. A light discussion took place about early ideas for the sculpture in honor of our passing mayor Rick Brooks.

9. Chairman's Report

None.

10. Commissioners' Comments

Bunny mentioned a flower show at Wedel's Nursery July 22 and 23rd 2022.

11. Items For Next Agenda

Results from the 5 year Recreation plan meeting from April 2022.

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday August 11, 2022 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

Shirley DeYoung moved to adjourn the meeting. Cory Redder supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett