

**MINUTES
CITY OF PLAINWELL
PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
September 14, 2023**

1. Matthew Bradley called the meeting to order at 4:59 PM.
2. Roll Call: Present: Matthew Bradley, Marsha Keeler, Bunny LaDuke, Cory Redder and Council Member Todd Overhuel. Absent Shirley DeYoung and Public Works Superintendent Bob Nieuwenhuis.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Marsha Keeler moved to accept and place on file the minutes of, August 17, 2023. Cory Redder supported the motion. On voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Parks:

Bob was not at the meeting.

Sherwood Park Maintenance Report – Shirley DeYoung

Shirley was not at the meeting. Marsha said the park is fine but another basketball net needs to be replaced. Matthew said he has two extra nets at home that he can donate.

Pell Park Maintenance Report – Marsha Keeler

Marsha reported that the park looks good.

Hicks Park Maintenance Report – Matthew Bradley

Matthew reported that he walked through the park and thought that the picnic tables looked good in the spots that they are in.

Cook Park Maintenance Report – Cory Redder

Cory reported that the park looks good. He heard a report that a car was broken into and a woman's purse was taken during the day when people were there. No one heard anything because they think they waited to break the glass when the train was going by.

Kenyon Park Maintenance Report – Bob Nieuwenhuis

Todd reported that the park looked good with the freshly mowed grass. He said the ballfields were not being used.

Darrow Park Maintenance Report – Bunny LaDuke

Bunny reported that the park looks good. There was a young person fishing.

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

Cory reported that he was concerned about the retaining wall. There was a light discussion on how that area seems to flood each year.

5. New Business

- A. At the end of the meeting the board members met down in Pell Park to pick out a spot for a new table going in for the Pell Family. They found a nice spot near where a large table is placed now.

6. Open Business

- A. The board members were asked at the last meeting to make a list of items the board could work on for future meetings.

Matthew had made a list. 1. 5 year plan 2. Play role in the Interurban Trail 3. River Walk project 4. Setting up fund raiser ideas 5. Pickle ball maybe a new court 6. Rose bushes that were in front of the mill 7. Memorials 8. Better communication with the police (pickle ball incident). It was also discussed about making a list for seasonal duties and small improvements. Todd also talked about the jail project and let the board know that they wanted to put it over by the DPS building.

7. Public Comments

None.

8. Staff Comments

None.

9. Chairman's Report

None.

10. Commissioners' Comments

Todd mentioned about possible getting Matt Hall to come speak to us at one of our meetings.

11. Items For Next Agenda

12. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 5 PM.

13. Adjournment

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

We did continue down to the park to find a spot for the new picnic table to go in Pell Park.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Pickett