

AGENDA
CITY OF DAYTON, MINNESOTA
12260 S. Diamond Lake Road, Dayton, MN 55327
Tuesday, September 1, 2026
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS COMMISSION: 6:30 P.M.

To Participate in the Meeting, Please see www.daytonmn.gov Calendar for Zoom Invitation.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

These routine or previously discussed items are enacted with one motion. Minutes can be approved by those absent from meeting.

- A.** Approval of Park Commission Minutes from August 03, 2026

OPEN FORUM

Limited to 3 minutes for non-agenda items; state your name and address; No action will be taken and items will be referred back to staff and/or Council.

STAFF & COUNCIL UPDATES

REGULAR MEETING

- B.** River Hills Park Improvement Discussion
C. Snowmobile Corridors Discussion

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- D.** Next Park Commission Meeting: Tuesday, October 06, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Dayton's mission is to promote a thriving community and to provide residents with a safe and pleasant place to live while preserving our rural character, creating connections to our natural resources, and providing customer service that is efficient, fiscally responsible, and responsive.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 3, 2026, PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF DAYTON, MINNESOTA

CALL TO ORDER

Pikal called the City of Dayton Parks Commission meeting to order for August 3, 2026.

Present: David Pikal, Luke Senst, Brad Cole, Keri Lingard, and Kaia Chambers

Absent:

City Council Member Absent: Scott Salonek

Also in attendance: Public Works Superintendent, Marty Farrell; Community Events Specialist, Derek Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Lingard, seconded by Chambers. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Park Commission Minutes from June 02, 2026

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Senst and seconded by Lingard. The motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

No one came forward or online for open forum.

COUNCIL UPDATE

Salonek was not in attendance, so Farrell provided updates. Senst inquired about the bathrooms and Farrell stated it would be back to council in September.

REGULAR MEETING

B. Elsie Stephens Park Phase 3 Plans Discussion

Farrell shared updates on Elsie Stephens in the Council Update time and added items from the staff report including the budget and sidewalk updates. Farrell stated the schedule is tight to get items this year. Farrell confirmed it was the curved roof on the amphitheater. Commissioners were happy to see movement with phase 3.

C. Park Visit to Elsie Stephens Park

The park visit occurred after the meeting was adjourned.

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

D. Next Park Commission Meeting: Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Farrell asked for requests for agenda topics. Farrell has reached out to Three Rivers and the snowmobile group. Farrell introduced Derek, the new Community Events Specialist. Derek shared a quick background and a few recent and upcoming events for the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn (to go to Elsie Stephens Park) was made by Senst and seconded by Chambers. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

PRESENTER: Martin Farrell

ITEM: River Hills Park improvement

PREPARED BY: Martin Farrell

POLICY DECISION / ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED: Suggestions for uses of open area in River Hills Park

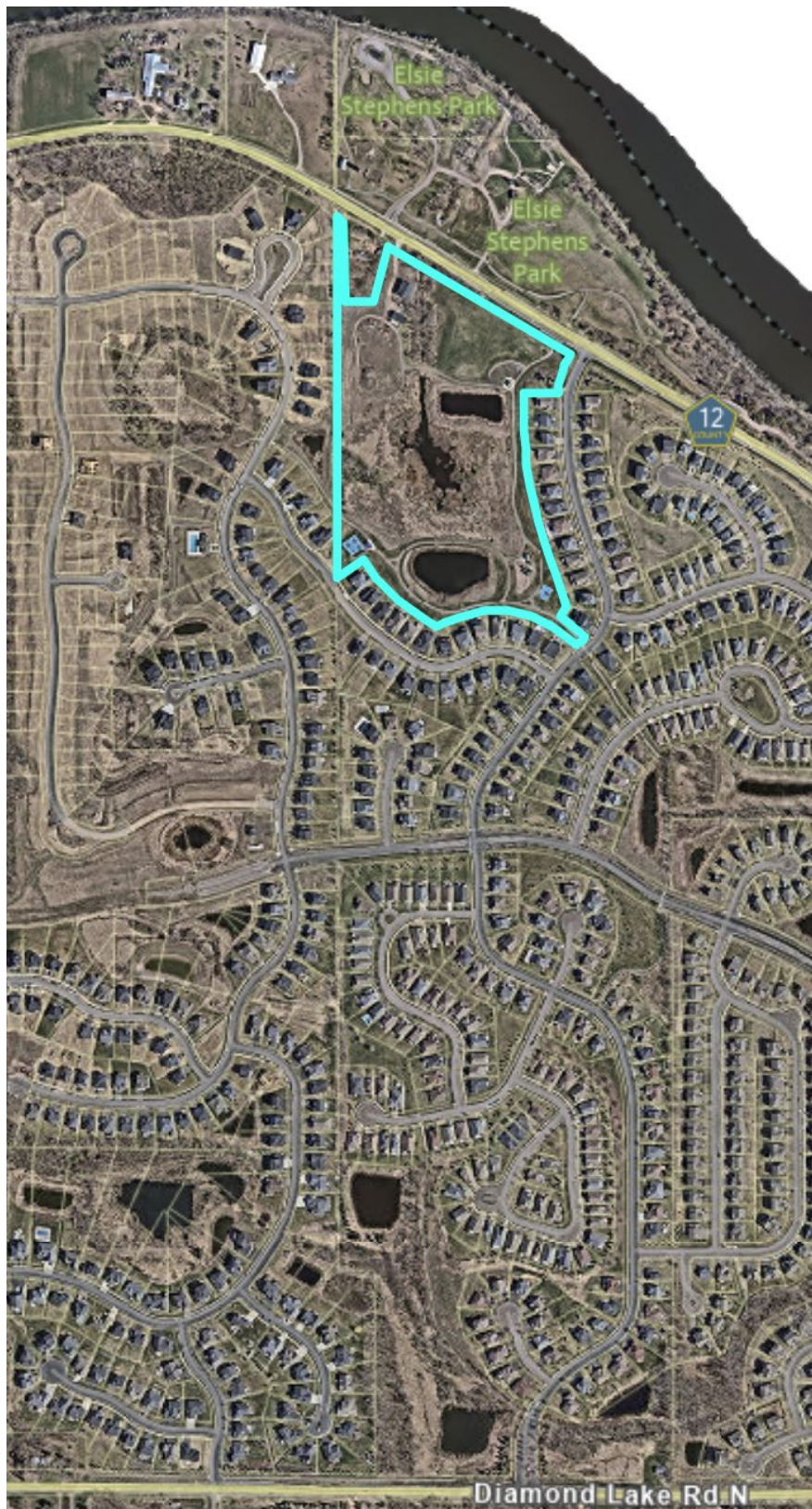
BACKGROUND: Staff would like input from the Parks Commission for ways to add amenities to the trail loop to the North of the Park behind Well House #4. This is a flat area that is approximately 1.5 acres, currently it is a grass open area, that is mowed weekly. Staff would like to explore ideas for a better use of this property.

CRITICAL ISSUES: None

BUDGET IMPACT: None

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion only.

ATTACHMENT(S): Park location maps



River Hills Park location



Full Park



Area for discussion

PRESENTER: Martin Farrell/Steve Hoyt

ITEM: Snowmobile Corridors Discussion

PREPARED BY: Martin Farrell

POLICY DECISION / ACTION TO BE CONSIDERED: Identifying trail corridors for snowmobile trails

BACKGROUND: There have been several discussions about the future of the Snowmobile trails in Dayton, and if there was a desire to preserve them with the rapid development in Dayton. During the joint Parks and Council work session there was a desire to retain the trails.

Staff have reached out to Steve Hoyt from Northwest Trails Association (who have maintained the trails system in Dayton for a number of years), to discuss what they see as the future of the Snowmobile trails in Dayton.

CRITICAL ISSUES: None

BUDGET IMPACT: None

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion only.

ATTACHMENT(S): None