

**AGENDA**  
**CITY OF DAYTON, MINNESOTA**  
**12260 S. Diamond Lake Road, Dayton, MN 55327**  
**Tuesday, June 2, 2026**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARKS COMMISSION: 6:30 P.M.**

**To Participate in the Meeting, Please see [www.daytonmn.gov](http://www.daytonmn.gov) Calendar for Zoom Invitation.**

- 6:30     **CALL TO ORDER**
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 6:30     **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 6:30     **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 May 05, 2026
- 6:35     **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.*
- COUNCIL UPDATE**
- REGULAR MEETING**
- NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- B     Next Park Commission Meeting: Tuesday, July 7, 2026
- 6:45     **ADJOURNMENT**
- C.    Parks Tour at the following locations:  
                  Goodin Park: 17330 Dayton River Road  
                  Dayton Farms: (New Park) PID: 3312022210125

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**MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2026, PARKS COMMISSION MEETING**  
**CITY OF DAYTON, MINNESOTA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pikal called the City of Dayton Parks Commission meeting to order for May 5, 2026.

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

Absent: Scott Salonek

City Council Member Present:

Also in attendance: Public Works Superintendent, Marty Farrell; Community Development Director, Jon Sevald

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Park Commission Minutes from April 7, 2026**

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

**OPEN FORUM**

*Technical difficulties during Open Forum.*

Kiansoon Tew (Matt Tew) of 15608 116th Avenue North addressed the commission regarding Dayton Farm Park. Tew inquired about the timeline for installing nets and court markings on the new basketball and pickleball courts, asked whether trees would be planted in the park, and requested that trees from the adjacent golf course area be preserved, particularly in the southwest quadrant.

Farrell responded that the court surfacing requires seven consecutive days of 50-degree temperatures to cure properly, and that the contractor has identified this as a priority project for the current year. Trees are planned for installation later in the year following completion of irrigation work. Regarding the golf course trees, Farrell indicated he could not make a firm commitment but invited Tew to email him with the specific area of concern so the possibility could be evaluated as part of the extended park design.

**COUNCIL UPDATE**

Salonek was absent. No council update was provided.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**B. Park Passport Discussion**

Farrell presented a refined concept for a Park Passport program, developed by staff assistant Kelsey. The program would use unique QR codes posted at each participating park, directing visitors to a Microsoft Forms page with park-specific validation questions to confirm attendance. Farrell suggested limiting the pilot to eight to ten parks, with the full program to be reviewed for expansion in the future.

The commission discussed incentive and prize structures at length, ultimately concluding that simplicity was preferable. Rather than physical prizes, a ceremony, or manual tracking, the commission agreed that an automatically generated digital certificate upon completion would be the most manageable and appropriate reward. Commissioners noted this approach minimizes administrative burden on staff, avoids privacy concerns related to photographing children, and keeps costs negligible.

The program timeline was set to launch in June 2026, aligned with the end of the school year, and run through Labor Day. Farrell noted the program would be presented to the City Council at its next meeting for approval before any public promotion begins, as expenditures are minimal and approval is expected to be straightforward.

**C. Open House Discussion (5/13/26 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)**

Farrell reviewed materials to be prepared for the upcoming open house on May 13, 2026. Confirmed display items include birdhouse project handouts, a three-by-three trails and parks map, and concept plans for Diamond Lake Diamonds Park.

Farrell noted that the CDAA (Champlin Dayton Athletic Association) has paused the baseball field component of the Diamond Lake Diamonds project, citing a current priority for two soccer fields. The baseball field is estimated to be three to four years out. The overall project cost was noted at approximately two million dollars based on a high-level engineer's estimate. Soccer field improvements remain on track for the current year.

Farrell also noted that the Adopt-a-Road pilot program ran the prior week, yielding approximately one full pickup truck load of collected trash, and that a formal city-wide program is being planned for the following year.

The commission agreed that if City Council approves the Park Passport program at its May meeting, the program could be teased at the open house. Commissioners discussed briefly engaging children at the booth by inviting them to name parks they have visited.

**NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**D. Next Park Commission Meeting: Tuesday, June 2, 2026**

Following the regular meeting, commissioners will conduct site visits to Dayton Farms Park and Goodin Park. A site visit to Elsie Stephens Park is planned for August. The commission also noted a presentation to the City Council scheduled for May 26, 2026 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn was made by Lingard and seconded by Cole. The motion carried unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.