



MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2021 PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF DAYTON, MINNESOTA

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 PM

Present: Park Commission Members: Chair David Fashant, Doug Baines, Jack Prom and David Kline (remote)

Absent: Jack Jacobs

City Council Members Present: Julie Gustafson

Also, in attendance: Planner Alec Henderson; Public Works Superintendent Marty Farrell

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Fashant asked to add Council Update to the Agenda.

*Baines motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Prom.
Motion carried.*

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Parks Commission Minutes from January 5, 2021

*Baines motioned to approve the consent agenda as submitted, seconded by Prom.
Motion carried.*

V. OPEN FORUM

No one appeared before the Commission.

VI. REGULAR MEETING

B. Diamond Lake Regional Trail Discussion and Presentation Facilitated by Three Rivers Park District

Henderson introduced Stephen Shurson and Danny McCullough from Three Rivers Park District and Stuart Crosby from SRF Consulting.

Mr. McCullough presented an overview of the Diamond Lake Regional Trail. He stated it would be a 20-mile-long trail through western Hennepin County. Mr. McCullough shared the vision of it being a destination trail and keeping it off roadways as much as possible.

Mr. Shurson presented the Diamond Lake Regional Trail Master Plan process. Mr. Crosby displayed a map showing the route options and explained the various segments. Mr. Shurson presented the comments they received on the trail options. He explained the comments were generally positive and negative comments focused on property rights and privacy.

Mr. Crosby displayed a map showing the preferred route of the Diamond Lake Regional Trail and pointed out options for connections to local trails, schools, and Elm Creek Park Reserve. Mr. Shurson explained the incremental process of acquiring land for the trail and stated the trail will be built in smaller pieces taking around 20 years to construct.

The Commission discussed the proposed trail. They liked that the trail connected two lakes and takes advantage of natural amenities. Gustafson asked to have section D-8 go north to Highway 144. The Commission was in favor of the proposed route.

Baines motioned, seconded by Prom, to accept the Diamond Lake Regional Trail route as presented with the addition of D-8 as a partnership trail. Motion carried.

C. Future Park Commission Activities Discussion

Baines asked where the City was at with the water trail. Farrell stated he is getting a proposal and will have the company present options at the March meeting.

Baines stated he would like to start an initiative to improve Diamond Lake. He suggested re-meandering the creek back to its original route. He explained this can be done as the land develops and make it part of the development process. Baines stated there are a few studies he can acquire to identify issues that need to be resolved on the lake.

Gustafson suggested the Park Commission tie Diamond Lake and French Lake to the Diamond Lake Regional Trail and propose a course of action to the Council.

Baines stated aerators and fishing piers are good amenities to add. He would like to see the project in the City budget and suggested doing a fundraiser. Baines identified grants the City could apply for. He would like to involve veterans and suggested fishing tournaments.

The Commission discussed how to start creating a plan and identified potential partners. Gustafson suggested taking the Diamond Lake Regional Trail to the Council and incorporating lake improvements in the process. She will bring it up at the future Council meeting.

VII. NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

D. Next Park Commission Meeting

The next Park Commission meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2021.
The Commission will set and prioritize goals.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Baines motioned to adjourn, seconded by Prom. Motion carried.

Adjournment at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Kunza, Recording Secretary
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