

**1. Call to Order and Flag Pledge.**

Commission Chair Doug Baines called the meeting to order.

**2. Roll Call.**

Chair Doug Baines and Commissioners Craig Fourre, Diane Dennstedt, Michelle Orieux, Dennis Fisher were present as was City Council Liaison Tim McNeil and Assistant City Planner Mike Elhard.

**3. Approval of the Agenda.**

Motion to approve by Commissioner Dennstedt, seconded by Commissioner Fourre, All ayes.

**4. Open Forum.**

Chair Baines opened the open forum.  
No one came forward for open forum.  
Chair Baines closed the open forum.

**5. Consent Agenda.**

- A. Approval of the September 4, 2007 Park Commission Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Fourre, second by Commissioner Dennstedt, All ayes.

**6. Commission Business**

**A.) Discussion of Meeting Format**

Chair Baines stated the format of the meetings would shift from an ordinance based agenda to an action based agenda establishing six focus groups; promotion of city/city image, recreation programs, parks and trails maintenance and improvement, property acquisition and policies, environmental stewardship, and volunteer coordination.

Commissioner Fisher and Dennstedt questioned if environmental awareness relates to the Park Commission. Chair Baines stated environmental stewardship should be an important concern to the Park Commission.

**B.) Discussion of what parks need our attention and where we can find funding.**

Chair Baines opened the discussion with Overlook Park, Goodin Park, and Mississippi River Park.

**C.) Property acquisition for park on south side of Diamond Lake**

Chair Baines stated he would like to begin discussion with property owners regarding land between South Diamond Lake Road and Diamond Lake.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Fourre, second by Commissioner Fisher, All ayes.

**D.) DNR Landing at Diamond Lake**

Chair Baines presented findings supporting the relocation of the DNR Landing on Diamond Lake because of poor condition of the landing including; gravel landing, traction, curve of South Diamond Lake Road, snow accumulations on South Diamond Lake Road due to blowing snow across the lake.

Chair Baines stated the DNR is supportive in working with the city to identify the best options for the DNR Landing.

Chair Baines stated the preferred option is to place the landing East of the present location with parking and turn-around area.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Dennstedt, second by Commissioner Fourre, All ayes.

E.) Development of Blesi Property (across from City Hall)

Chair Baines stated the city has sought to connect the Mississippi River to Elm Creek Park Reserve by means of trails. Chair Baines stated the missing link is property located across from City Hall.

Chair Baines stated the CDAA is interested in a sports facility with ball fields within School District 11 which the Blesi Property is located in.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Fourre, second by Commissioner Orioux, All ayes.

F.) Define tasks for December meeting.

The Commission discussed tasks for the December meeting.

**7. Updates**

A. Champlin-Dayton Athletic Association

Chair Baines provided the update.

B.) Public Works

Public Works Superintendent Rick Hass was not available to provide the update.

C.) City Council

Council Liaison McNeil provided the update.

**8. Staff Notices and Announcements.**

A. The next Park Commission meeting will be December 4, 2007.

B. The following Park Commission meeting will be January 2, 2008

**9. Adjourn.**

**Motion** to adjourn was made by **Commissioner Fourre**, seconded by **Commissioner Dennstedt**. **Ayes:** All.