



AGENDA
Parks and Natural Resources
Commission Regular Meeting
Monday, June 23, 2025
7:00 PM
Council Chambers, City Hall

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
 - a. Oath of Office
- 2. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Minutes of the May 19, 2025, Regular Meeting
- 4. AUDIENCE INPUT**
- 5. DISCUSSION (Response to Audience Input):**
- 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. Indoor Ice
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Environmental and Sustainability Updates
 - b. Aspen Ridge Development
 - c. Director's Report
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

**ROSEMOUNT PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
MAY 19, 2025**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Parks and Natural Resources Commission was held on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 7:00 PM. in Rosemount Council Chambers, 2875 145th Street West.

Chairperson Eliason called the meeting to order with Commissioners Speich, Burman, McDonald, Bonkoski, Edmison and Bass. Commissioner Andrews was absent

Staff present included the following:

Parks and Recreation Director Dan Schultz

Office Specialist Michelle Rambo

- a. Oath of Office

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of the March 24, 2025, Regular Meeting

Motion by Bonkoski Second by Speich

Motion to Approve Minutes of the March 24, 2025, Regular Meeting

Ayes: 7.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

AUDIENCE INPUT

DISCUSSION (Response to Audience Input):

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Indoor Ice

The city hired JLG Architects to help guide us through early planning exercises to develop a layout for a two-sheet ice complex, site plan and a cost estimate. The work they are doing will help with discussions regarding the next steps in the process of considering building additional indoor ice. Staff shared information on the design work that had been completed at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion by Speich Second by McDonald

Motion to have Michael Eliason serve as Chair of the Parks and Natural Resources Commission.

Ayes: 6.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Eliason Second by McDonald

Motion to have James Bonkoski serve as Vice Chair of the Parks and Natural Resources Commission.

Ayes: 6.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

b. Environmental and Sustainability Updates

Director Schultz gave verbal environmental and sustainability updates. Topics included: Mayors' Monarch Pledge, Water Challenge, Mow Less May, McMenomy Woods Restoration and Adopt-a-Drain Earth Day Challenge.

c. Dallara Park Playground Equipment Replacement

Motion by Bonkoski Second by Speich

Motion to accept the proposal and recommend City Council award the contract to Northland Recreation for the replacement of playground equipment at Dallara Park.

Ayes: 7.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

d. Director's Report

Park Improvement Fund Balance as of April 30, 2025: \$6,071,963.02

Inflows to the Park Improvement fund last month were as follows:

Dedication fees - \$827,095

Grants/Other - \$0

Interest - \$NA

Donations - \$0

Expenditures - \$225,203

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Natural Resources Commission at the regular meeting and upon a motion by Bonkoski and a second by Edminson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Rambo
Office Specialist

Parks and Natural Resources Commission Regular Meeting: June 23, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: Indoor Ice	AGENDA SECTION: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
PREPARED BY: Dan Schultz, Parks & Recreation Director	AGENDA NO. 6.a.
ATTACHMENTS:	APPROVED BY: DLS
RECOMMENDED ACTION: No recommendation is needed at this time.	

BACKGROUND

For several months, staff have been discussing the need for additional indoor ice in Rosemount with RAHA, City of Eagan and the Farmington Hockey Association. This work started before there were plans for The Pond to shut down. RAHA has consistently rented 900 hours of ice from The Pond, which is equivalent to what staff expects they would use at one sheet of ice.

The City recently hired JLG Architects to help guide us through some early planning exercises to develop a layout for a one and possibly two-sheet ice complex, a site plan and a cost estimate. The work they are doing will help us with discussions regarding the next steps in the process of considering building additional indoor ice. Staff will share information on the design work and pricing that has been completed as of our meeting on Monday.

RECOMMENDATION

No recommendation needed at this time.

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AGENDA ITEM: Environmental and Sustainability Updates	AGENDA SECTION: NEW BUSINESS
PREPARED BY: Dan Schultz, Parks & Recreation Director	AGENDA NO. 7.a.
ATTACHMENTS: Mow Less May, Lawns Re Imagined, 2025.06.23 Water Efficiency and Stormwater Rebate Update	APPROVED BY: DLS
RECOMMENDED ACTION: None, update only.	

BACKGROUND

Listed below are some happenings in the areas pertaining to the environmental and sustainability work that City staff are doing.

Spring Reuse & Recycling Stats

- Rosemount’s Spring Cleanup Day was Saturday, May 17. It was a little chilly, but everything went very smoothly.
 - We had 285 cars attend, received 86 mattresses and box springs (4 of which were able to be donated), and shredded 5,520 lbs. of paper. We are still waiting for invoices from our other haulers.
 - Last spring, we had 385 cars (26% decrease), 115 mattresses/box springs (25% decrease), and 8,000 lbs. of paper (31% decrease).
 - This is one of the few programs where a lower attendance is a win, as we want to empower residents to use the Recycling Guide, the Recycling Zone, and other local options before landfilling items at this event.
- Sports Equipment Swap occurred on April 10th. We had a good turnout and enthusiastic participants.
 - 483 lbs. of gear collected. 301 lbs. were swapped. The remaining 182 lbs. was donated to UHL in Hastings.
- At the Rosemount Expo, 212 attendees were educated about recycling with the help of three Recycling Ambassador volunteers.
- Assisted staff with providing organic collections at Rosemount’s State of the City address, Volunteer Appreciation Event, and Employee Picnic in keeping with our new Sustainable Purchasing Policy, Learning best practices and what our city specifically needs at each of these events.

Also attached are some results from the Mow Less May program, Lawn’s Re-Imagined and Water Efficiency and Stormwater Rebate.

RECOMMENDATION

None, update only.

Mow Less May

Thought you might like to see these numbers from the Mow Less May social campaign that we worked on together:

Facebook

Total reach (individual people who saw content): 6,264

Total post views: 9,195

Link clicks: 37

Interactions(likes, comments, shares, etc.): 37

Posts with most engagement were about *low-input mowing* and *planting pollinators*.

NextDoor

Total number of impressions (each time someone sees it): 1,325

All numbers are combined from five posts from May 1- May 28.

Lawns Re-Imagined

Breakdown

	Households			Individuals		
	Signed-Up	Attended	%	Signed-Up	Attended	%
Eagan, May 29	87	59	68%	122	80	65%
Rosemount, June 12	51	37	73%	72	50	70%
Total	138	96	69%	194	130	67%

Thanks to:

Dakota County, Vermilion River Watershed, and Eagan-Inver Grove Heights Watershed for funding this novel effort

Eagan and Rosemount for hosting

Elizabeth Asendorf and Joe Barten for help with map making

Chris Houston for workshop registration and participant communication

John Exner for organizing the compost component of our assistance program, the help handing out participant folders and fielding questions at the workshops

Gregg Thompson (Eagan) and Joe Barten for fielding questions and insights into real world experiences on fine fescue lawns

Jane Byron (Rosemount) for hosting and successfully navigating some unexpected technical difficulties operating in a brand-new public space.

So far, we have four applications for our assistance program. We have only fifteen spots. Deadline is July 1.

Follow-Up Actions

1. Post Workshop Email/Survey (Vic/Chris) to go out Monday.
2. Presentation – add a section on converting a boulevard easement lawn to a fine fescue lawn (lawn for lawn exchange) (?) (Vic)
3. Presentation – add pH range for fine fescues vs Kentucky Blue Grass (fine fescues can tolerate more acidic soils than KBG, so may be able to grow under pine/spruce trees) (Vic)
4. Handout – Detail on herbicide options (pre conversion and post-conversion), also info on crab grass preventer affecting fine fescue establishment (half life longer in clay soils). (Vic)
5. Waiting to hear back from seed distributors on an ability to sell seed this fall as a potential option to not lose interest for those not selected. (Vic)
6. County is finalizing arrangements with compost contractor. (John)

Quarterly Water Efficiency Rebate Update:

The City of Rosemount was awarded a Water Efficiency Grant from the Metropolitan Council (MCES) in the amount of \$27,000 for the 2024-26 grant cycle.

As part of this program, the following rebate amounts are allowed:

- \$50 for Water Sense Toilets
- \$150 for Energy Star Washers
- \$150 for Energy Star Dishwashers
- \$150 for Water Sense Irrigation Controllers
- \$200 for Irrigation system audits

The Vermillion River Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) ended its program partnering with cities in the county to provide funding for multi-family residential properties for low-cost irrigation audits and improvement cost share grants. The city is working to create its own program to take its place.

Table 1 provides a summary of the entire rebate program activity through Q1 2025.

Table 1	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Gallons of Water Saved Annually (est.)	386,800	200,200	*1,665,936	687,136	31,600	73,800
Total Rebate	\$4,971.67	\$3,790.26	\$20,436.74	\$11,391.48	\$1,300	\$2,850.00
Municipality Contribution (25%)	\$1,242.92	\$911.15	\$10,902.94	\$2,922.87	\$325	\$712.50
Irrigation Controllers Replaced:	35	1	18	13	0	0
Toilets Replaced:	6	1	7	11	2	6
Clothes Washers Replaced:	8	1	5	8	6	9
Dishwashers Replaced	0	0	0	3	2	6
Audits (Residential):	1	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial Audit In a partnership with the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) on their Urban Water Conservation Program. 2021 Municipality Contribution partially provided by Stormwater Utility.		6		2	0	0

*Includes commercial audit annual water savings

**Table data is annual and not by grant period

Quarterly Stormwater Rebate Update:

In May 2019, the Utility Commission recommended City Council adopt a rebate program for residents to install projects on their property to improve stormwater quality and reduce runoff volume. In March 2020, City Council approved the Stormwater Rebate Policy and established a maximum amount of \$5,000.

Table 2 provides a summary of the entire rebate program activity.
Number of BMPs installed for each category in (parentheses) following dollar amount listed

Table 2	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Rebate	\$0	\$147.85	\$77.50	\$1,840.03	\$540	\$20
Rain Barrels:	\$0	\$86.94 (5)	\$77.50 (4)	\$40 (2)	\$40(2)	\$20
Cisterns & Rainwater Harvesting:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Raingardens:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,800.03 (4)	\$500(1)	\$0
Native Plantings:	\$0	\$60.91 (1)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buffers:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Stormwater Reuse:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Permeable Pavers & Pavements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Here is a summary of advertisements of the program in 2025:

- News & Highlights Post <https://www.rosemountmn.gov/>
- The City Newsletter
- Information at Home & Business Expo in March
- Included in course materials for Landscaping for Clean Water Workshops
- Individual staff contacts with residents
- Monthly social media posts
- 1st quarter utility insert

Staff will continue to publicize these programs via social media, city newsletters, staff updates and additional methods.

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AGENDA ITEM: Aspen Ridge Development	AGENDA SECTION: NEW BUSINESS
PREPARED BY: Dan Schultz, Parks & Recreation Director	AGENDA NO. 7.b.
ATTACHMENTS: Location Map - Aspen Ridge , Aspen Ridge - Concept Plan	APPROVED BY: DLS
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to recommend the City Council approve the Aspen Ridge Development plans with the conditions as outlined by staff in the executive summary.	

BACKGROUND

A developer has submitted plans for a property across from DCTC. The property is located at 1367 145th St. (County Rd 42) and just east of Life Time as shown on the attached map. The site is approximately 10.03 acres in size and the plans include an apartment building and retail buildings.

The Parks and Recreation Department recently reviewed the plans for the Aspen Fields project. After reviewing the plans, the Parks and Recreation Department staff has the following comments:

Parks Dedication

Commercial Development - The parks dedication requirement for a commercial development is either 10% of the total property area as land dedication, a cash dedication in-lieu of land or a combination of the two.

Staff is recommending that the City collect cash in-lieu of land for the development that is currently being processed. The cash dedication for the 4.5 acres of commercial development is \$40,500 (4.5 acres x \$9,000 per acre). This amount is to be paid when the building permit is issued.

Residential Development - The parks dedication requirement for 150 high-density residential units is .02 acres of land per unit or \$2,500 per unit. The City’s Parks Master Plan does not call for a park in this area, so staff are recommending the City collect cash in-lieu of land to meet the parks dedication requirements. The cash dedication for 150 units would be \$375,000 (150 units x \$2,500 per unit).

Trails and Sidewalks

Staff is recommending the developer install a sidewalk on the eastside of Aspen Avenue from Connemara to County Road 42. Staff also recommends that a 10-foot-wide trail be benched/graded in on the south side of development along County Road 42 for a future trail to be installed by Dakota County.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Parks and Natural Resources Commission recommends to the City Council to approve the Aspen Ridge Development plans with the conditions as outlined by staff in the executive summary.

Location Map



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AGENDA ITEM: Director's Report	AGENDA SECTION: NEW BUSINESS
PREPARED BY: Dan Schultz, Parks & Recreation Director	AGENDA NO. 7.c.
ATTACHMENTS:	APPROVED BY: DLS
RECOMMENDED ACTION: None, update only.	

BACKGROUND

Park Improvement Fund Balance as of May 31, 2025: \$5,873,436

Inflows to the Park Improvement Fund last month were as follows:

Dedication fees – \$165,300

Grants/Other - \$0

Interest - \$NA

Donations - \$0

Expenditures – \$130,105 (park and trail designs, UMore Building and Flint Hills Trails)

National Guard Remodel – Work continues to move forward on the Armory and RCC remodel projects. They have completed the translucent arena wall panel portion of the project. What was a hope of getting an early summer “move back” date is looking more like a late summer date.

Move to City Hall – Speaking of the Community Center/Armory, it has recently been decided that the majority of the Parks and Recreation Department will be moving into the old Police Department space at City Hall. The old Parks and Recreation office was at capacity and will now be used by a couple of staff from the Community Center and then will most like also be used for classroom space because of the rooms we lost with the Armory remodel.

Dunmore Greenway – We are hoping to get this project out for bid as soon as possible. We have several moving parts to tie together before this one is ready to go to bid. Joint Powers Agreement with the County, Right of Way permit from MN DOT and the final completion of the detailed plans and specifications. The City will design and deliver the project and Dakota County will pay for the cost on the trail construction.

Bonaire Path Trail - Staff is working to finalize the funding for this project including a \$250,000 grant. As soon as the funding is in place for the project it will go out for bid. Staff is hoping to be out for bid by mid-July.

RECOMMENDATION

None, update only.

