



**AGENDA**  
**Parks and Natural Resources**  
**Commission Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, August 18, 2025**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall**

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. Minutes of the July 28, 2025 Regular Meeting
- 4. AUDIENCE INPUT**
- 5. DISCUSSION (Response to Audience Input):**
- 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Mississippi River Greenway Natural Resource Management Plan
  - b. Environmental and Sustainability Updates
  - c. RAAA Storage Needs
  - d. Director's Report
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

**ROSEMOUNT PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS  
JULY 28, 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, July 28, 2025, at 7:00 PM. in Rosemount Council Chambers, 2875 145th Street West.

Chairperson Eliason called the meeting to order with Commissioners Bass, McDonald, Speich, Bonkoski, Edminson, Andrews and Burman.

Staff present included the following:

Parks and Recreation Director Dan Schultz

Office Specialist Michelle Rambo

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Minutes of the June 23, 2025, Regular Meeting

**Motion by Bonkoski Second by Speich**

**Motion to approve Minutes of the June 23, 2025, Regular Meeting**

**Ayes: 7.**

**Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

**DISCUSSION (Response to Audience Input):**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Indoor 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 a two-sheet ice complex, 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.

Director Schultz shared information received from RAHA regarding their needs and discussed with the commission ways we can help meet the ice needs of our community.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Environmental and Sustainability Updates

Director Schultz updated the commission on the areas pertaining to environmental and sustainability work that city staff are doing. Topics included:

- Reducing the amount of single-use plastics in breakrooms.
- Management of trash and recycling at Leprechaun Days.
- Discussed the accessibility of the organics drop-off site.
- Discussed rebate programs available to residents.
- Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization is now offering storm drain stenciling kits for check out.

b. Parks System Plan

The 2040 Parks System Plan is intended to act as a user-friendly guide to decision-making regarding the future needs, development, renovation and preservation of Rosemount's parks, trails and open spaces. The Parks system plan is a chapter of the City's Comprehensive Guide Plan and was developed in 2019. The city recognizes that demographic, recreation and environmental trends will change over the next several years and those changes will affect park, trail and open space needs. This plan will help set the framework for these future improvements and will increase efficiency by establishing a long-term vision and priorities.

The 2040 Parks System Plan can be reviewed at the City's website on the Community Development web page under the Planning and Comprehensive Plan (Ch. 9).

Staff discussed the process of updating the plan and shared information about the Park Planning Map.

c. Baseball Field Needs

**Motion by Speich Second by McDonald**

**Motion** to recommend the City Council approve moving forward with the development of a full-sized baseball field at the UMore Park Complex.

**Ayes: 8.**

**Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

d. Director's Report

**Park Improvement Fund Balance as of June 30, 2025: \$6,258,776.97**

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

Dedication fees - \$165,300

Grants/Other - \$0

Interest - \$NA

Donations - \$0

Expenditures - \$44,802 (park and trail designs, UMore Building and Flint Hills Trails)

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Natural Resources Commission at the regular meeting and upon a motion by Speich and a second by Edminson the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Rambo  
Office Specialist

Parks and Natural Resources Commission Regular Meeting: August 18, 2025

<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> Mississippi River Greenway Natural Resource Management Plan	<b>AGENDA SECTION:</b> NEW BUSINESS
<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Dan Schultz, Parks & Recreation Director	<b>AGENDA NO.</b> 7.a.
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY:</b> DLS
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b> None, update only.	

**BACKGROUND**

Dakota County is developing a natural resource management plan for the Mississippi River Greenway. The greenway is about 27 miles. It is located along the Mississippi River from St. Paul to Hastings. Eventually, the greenway will extend from Hastings to Goodhue County. This will add about 9.5 miles of trail.

The plan will guide the management of the greenway and surrounding lands. It will establish short- and long-term visions. The plan will rank restoration and management projects and provide cost estimates. This helps the county apply for grant funding or seek partnerships with landowners.

The plan will describe the natural features of the corridor. This includes:

- Geology
- Water resources
- Soils
- Vegetation
- Wildlife

The corridor includes not only the width of the greenway, but also the natural areas nearby. These areas include public city parks and privately-owned natural areas.

The plan will develop approaches to:

- Provide community assets
- Control invasive species
- Connect natural areas
- Improve habitat for pollinators and other wildlife

Tom Lewanski, Natural Resources Manager from Dakota County, will be presenting information about the Mississippi River Greenway Natural Resource Management Plan at our meeting on Monday.

**RECOMMENDATION**

None, update only.

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<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> Environmental and Sustainability Updates	<b>AGENDA SECTION:</b> NEW BUSINESS
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	<b>AGENDA NO.</b> 7.b.
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> solar lights 1, solar lights 2	<b>APPROVED BY:</b> DLS
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b> None, discussion only.	

**BACKGROUND**

Staff will be providing a verbal update on some August happenings in the areas pertaining to environmental and sustainability work that City staff have been doing.

Attached are photos of the new solar parking lot lights that were recently installed at Ailesbury Park. The city has received requests regarding adding parking lot lights to this park. People had concerns about after hours activities in the lot and felt that some sort of lighting could help deter some issues. This is a test project that will be evaluated for future use. Just as a fyi, the City of Apple Valley used these lights for two of their recent projects.

**RECOMMENDATION**

None, discussion only.





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<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> RAAA Storage Needs	<b>AGENDA SECTION:</b> NEW BUSINESS
<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Dan Schultz, Parks & Recreation Director	<b>AGENDA NO.</b> 7.c.
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> MOU - RAAA - City Storage 8 12 25	<b>APPROVED BY:</b> DLS
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b> Motion to recommend the City Council approve the MOU with RAAA for a future storage facility	

### BACKGROUND

Representatives from the main RAAA Board and RAAA Football Board are interested in the development of a new storage facility for their equipment. The main board would like to centralize their storage to one location that will be a good long-term fit for them. They currently have equipment storage in several locations, including old UMore building sites, people’s homes and other storage areas. RAAA Football is having challenges with access to their equipment and also having to store their equipment in the old basement locker rooms at Rosemount Middle School. Another challenge they have is that they can only access the storage area if a paid Building Supervisor is on site. RAAA annually spends \$15,000 on storage.

Both the main board and the football board have asked for assistance from the City of Rosemount regarding a new storage facility. The main board feels they need 5,000 sq. feet of space and, if separated from the main board, the football board is looking for 1,500 sq. feet.

Staff has asked Brennan Construction (they are building UMore Park building) to provide the City with a rough cost estimate range for a 5,000 sq. building. Staff from Brennan have indicated that a structure that is being discussed could cost between \$105-\$110 per sq foot. The assumptions below were taken into account when looking at the cost:

- Earthwork was figured digging on a clean site with minimal import/export and no soil corrections.
- Asphalt Paving a parking lot with concrete curb around the parking lot.
- Wood Framed Walls 10’ tall w/ Pitch roof.
- Brick up 4’ on the wall and Siding remaining 6’ on the wall. Shingled Roof and Downspouts.
- (2) Garage Doors, (2) Main Doors with Standard Door Hardware.
- Electrical & HVAC. Electrical we went a little strong due to not knowing the utility locations to the site and/or the cost of bringing new services into the building.
- No Finish on the Interior - Exposed Walls and Ceiling on the Inside.

- No Permit Cost Figured.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff is recommending the Commission support a motion to recommend the City Council approve the MOU with RAAA for a future storage facility.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROSEMOUNT and ROSEMOUNT AREA ATHLETIC  
ASSOCIATION**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Rosemount (the City) and Rosemount Area Athletic Association (RAAA) outlines the primary terms and conditions involved with the City building a storage facility and leasing that building to RAAA to use as a central storage space for RAAA's equipment.

This MOU is **not intended** to create a binding agreement between the City and the RAAA. The purpose of this MOU is to set out the primary terms and conditions involved with the proposed construction and lease described above and is not intended to be binding on either party. All other terms and conditions will be negotiated in a formal lease agreement, and the parties will be contractually bound only upon the full execution of a lease agreement.

RAAA:

1. RAAA will be the sole user of the storage facility and no other groups or individuals will be allowed to store anything in the building unless written permission is provided by the City.
2. Will pay an agreed semi-annual rent payment to be determined once the bids are received and approved by the City and a lease agreement is signed.
3. Monitor the safety and useability of the storage building. Provide cleaning and organization services for the building.
4. Be responsible for securing permits for any desired signage.
5. On a monthly basis, make a minimum of two inspections of the storage facility. The inspections will be conducted by RAAA volunteers, and the results will be reported to the City. Report any facility damage or necessary repairs to the City.
6. Administer an access and safety protocol with RAAA volunteers who enter the storage building.
7. Carry insurance on the building (Still TBD, the terms of which are to be described in a lease agreement between the parties).
8. Persistent and/or unresolved issues related but not limited to parking, trash/debris, negative impact on park operations, or damage to the building will be cause for termination of the use of the building by RAAA.

City of Rosemount:

1. The City (with input from RAAA) will choose the location for the construction of the building.
2. The building will be required by the City to meet all applicable building codes and design standards.
3. Design a storage building of approximately 5,000 square feet in a public park. Lease the building to RAAA. The lease price will be based on the bid price and other project costs.
4. Publicly bid the building project, oversee construction and deliver completed project.
5. Provide electric, heat and cooling, and long-term maintenance and access to limited parking. The City will have no obligation for alternative parking accommodations if the need arises based on the use patterns of RAAA.
6. Contact RAAA with any concerns over the use of the building.
7. If the City chooses to terminate the storage agreement with RAAA, there will be no financial

recourse by RAAA or obligation by the City to provide alternative accommodations. The City commits to all reasonable efforts to resolve issues before said termination.

**CITY OF ROSEMOUNT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey D. Weisensel, Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Fasbender, City Clerk

**RAAA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

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<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> Director's Report	<b>AGENDA SECTION:</b> NEW BUSINESS
<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Dan Schultz, Parks & Recreation Director	<b>AGENDA NO.</b> 7.d.
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY:</b> DLS
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b> None, discussion only	

**BACKGROUND**

**Park Improvement Fund Balance as of July 31, 2025: \$6,213,565**

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

Dedication fees - \$165,300

Grants/Other - \$0

Interest - \$6,025 (June)

Donations - \$0

Expenditures - \$49,623 (park and trail designs, UMore Building and Flint Hills Trails)

**Indoor Ice** – Staff is working with RAHA to confirm the current and future participation numbers and will be back soon with a recommendation on indoor ice.

**National Guard Remodel** – Work continues to move forward on the Armory and RCC remodel projects. They are moving into the final phases of the project and should be done by the end of September.

**Dunmore Greenway** – We still 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, construction easements from residents and the final completion of the detailed plans and specifications. The plan is still for city to design and deliver the project, while Dakota County will pay for the cost of the trail construction. It is looking like this project will be bid in early 2026.

**UMore Park Building** – The project is nearing completion and everything should be wrapped up by late August. We plan to have a ribbon cutting at prior to our meeting in September.

**RECOMMENDATION**

None, discussion only