



AGENDA
Parks and Natural Resources
Commission Regular Meeting
Monday, January 26, 2026
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 December 15, 2025, Regular Meeting
- 4. AUDIENCE INPUT**
- 5. DISCUSSION (Response to Audience Input):**
- 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. Indoor Ice Discussion
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. 2026 Parks and Natural Resources Commission Meetings Dates
 - b. Environmental and Sustainability Updates
 - c. Director's Report
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

**ROSEMOUNT PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 15, 2025**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Rosemount Parks and Natural Resources was held on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 7:00 PM. in Rosemount Parks and Recreation offices, 2875 145th Street West.

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

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 November 24, 2025, Regular Meeting

Motion by Bonkoski Second by Bass

Motion to approve Minutes of November 24, 2025, Regular Meeting

Ayes: 5.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

AUDIENCE INPUT

DISCUSSION (Response to Audience Input):

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Parks System Plan Update

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.

Commissioners received a copy of the 2040 Parks System Plan. Staff gave an overview and discussed what our process will be for updating the plan in 2026/27.

b. Review of Parks Rules

Staff recommends the Commission review the current city code relating to park rules. Reasons for possibly making changes to the rules include:

- Population growth brings new needs
- Increased usage = greater impact
- Address emerging issues — Fast growth introduces new challenges, such as e-bikes and scooter usage, drones, and off-leash dog areas.
- Align with current laws and best practices — Older rules may be out of sync with state or federal regulations, ADA accessibility standards and environmental sustainability goals.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Environmental and Sustainability Updates

Director Schultz gave verbal updates on solid waste and recycling programs:

- Over 700 lbs. of lights have been collected between the cities of Hastings, Rosemount and Farmington thus far. Collected lights are delivered to the Recycling Zone in Eagan, where the metal components are extracted and recycled.
- The 2026 Dakota County Solid Waste Abatement Grant has been submitted.
- Planning for 2026 solid waste and recycling events is under way. There are four special collections (Spring Cleanup, Fall Cleanup, Pumpkin Collection, and Holiday Light Collection), four educational/tabling events (Rosemount Expo, Safety Camp Recycling Relay, Leprechaun Days, and a new Low-Waste Living Presentation), and three reuse initiatives (Food Truck Fest reusable cups, Oktoberfest reusable cups, and an Outdoor Winter Clothing Swap) planned in Rosemount for 2026
- Resource Environmental Solutions (RES) was able to complete a couple of prescribed burns this fall at Central and Meadows Parks before the snow arrived. Flint Hill Park is scheduled for a prescribed burn in the spring of 2026.

b. Director's Report

Park Improvement Fund Balance as of November 30, 2025: \$5,076,375.79

Inflows to the Park Improvement fund last month were as follows:
Dedication fees - \$0

Grants/Other - \$0

Interest - \$0

Donations - \$0

Expenditures - \$347,299 (park and trail designs, dog park project and UMore building)

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 McDonald, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Rambo
Offices Specialist

Parks and Natural Resources Commission Regular Meeting: January 26, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Indoor Ice Discussion	AGENDA SECTION: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
PREPARED BY: Dan Schultz, Parks & Recreation Director	AGENDA NO. 6.a.
ATTACHMENTS:	APPROVED BY: DLS
RECOMMENDED ACTION: None, discussion only.	

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 was started before there were ever plans for The Pond to shut down. RAHA has consistently rented 900 hours of ice from The Pond. Staff expects that 1,100 hours of ice could come from one new sheet of ice.

The city 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, site plan and a cost estimate. The work they did will help us with discussions regarding the next steps in the process of considering building additional indoor ice.

Staff have also been working with RAHA, ISD 196 and other organizations to look for growth and the future ice needs in Rosemount. At the meeting on Monday, staff will update the Commission on the work that has been completed regarding indoor ice.

RECOMMENDATION

There is no action being requested on this item.

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AGENDA ITEM: 2026 Parks and Natural Resources Commission Meetings Dates	AGENDA SECTION: NEW BUSINESS
PREPARED BY: Dan Schultz, Parks & Recreation Director	AGENDA NO. 7.a.
ATTACHMENTS:	APPROVED BY: DLS
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve the meetings dates for 2026.	

BACKGROUND

After reviewing the 2026 calendar for holidays and other conflicts, staff is recommending that the Parks and Natural Resources Commission meet on the following dates:

- January 26
- February 23
- March 23
- April 27
- May 18 (moved due to Holiday)
- June 22
- July 27
- August 24
- September 28
- October 26
- November 23
- December 28

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending the Commission meet on the dates as listed in the executive summary.

Parks and Natural Resources Commission Regular Meeting: January 26, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Environmental and Sustainability Updates	AGENDA SECTION: NEW BUSINESS
PREPARED BY: Dan Schultz, Parks & Recreation Director	AGENDA NO. 7.b.
ATTACHMENTS:	APPROVED BY: DLS
RECOMMENDED ACTION: No action is required.	

BACKGROUND

Solid Waste & Recycling Program Update – Mid Winter

Special Collections

- In 2025, the cities of Rosemount, Hastings, and Farmington collected 2,219 lbs. of holiday lights. Collection continues through January 31, 2026, at City Hall and the Steeple Center. Collected lights are delivered to the Recycling Zone in Eagan, where the metal components are extracted and recycled.

- In 2025, Rosemount residents...
 - Swapped 301 lbs. of sports equipment with neighbors and donated 182 lbs. to United Heroes League (UHL).
 - Recycled 138 mattresses and box springs and donated 4 mattresses to those in need.
 - Shredded 9,260 lbs. (4.63 tons) of confidential documents.
 - Recycled 3.79 tons of scrap metal.
 - Reused 5,535 cups at Food Truck Fest (2,460) and Oktoberfest (3,075), diverting 90 lbs. of single-use cups from the landfill.
 - Composted 7.11 tons of pumpkins after Halloween.

- Forty-five new households registered for the Food Scraps drop-off program in 2025, bringing the total number of registered households to 1,030, or 10% of city households. An estimated 173,784 lbs. (87 tons) of food scraps were composted in Rosemount alone in 2025.

Outreach & Education

- A total of 323 residents were educated about waste and recycling best-practices at in-person events in 2025. That's 1.2% of the population directly reached.

Miscellaneous Items

- The 2026 Dakota County Solid Waste Abatement Grant was approved by council on December 16. The total 2026 funding request was \$121,778 for the cities of Rosemount, Hastings, and Farmington combined. The City of Rosemount is expected to receive about \$55,616 of this funding.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

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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, discussion only	

BACKGROUND

Park Improvement Fund Balance as of December 31, 2025: \$4,933,325.94

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

Dedication fees - \$NA

Grants/Other - \$0

Interest - \$NA

Donations - \$0

Expenditures - \$142,789.85 (park and trail designs, dog park project and UMore Building)

Warming houses – The outdoor skating and the warming house season is definitely upon us. We have great ice right now and if the temperatures can cooperate, we hope to see many skaters out enjoying the winter season.

Senior Adult Special Event - Our first Noon Year’s Eve Bash at the Steeple Center was a smashing success! Guests enjoyed a catered brunch, music and dancing, and a fun photo booth. Instead of having to stay up late to ring in the New Year, we counted down at noon with noisemakers, sparkling juice and a couple verses of Auld Lang Syne. We heard a lot of positive feedback from guests and numerous requests that we do this party again next year.

RECOMMENDATION

None, discussion only.