

**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,

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Offices Specialist