



AGENDA
Parks and Natural Resources
Commission Regular Meeting
Monday, February 23, 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 January 26, 2026, Regular Meeting
- 4. AUDIENCE INPUT**
- 5. DISCUSSION (Response to Audience Input):**
- 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Environmental and Sustainability Updates
 - b. Update on the City Council Goal Meeting
 - c. Director's Report
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

**ROSEMOUNT PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 26, 2026**

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, January 26, 2026, 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 December 15, 2025, Regular Meeting

Motion by Bonkoski Second by Speich

Motion to approve minutes of December 15, 2025, Regular Meeting

Ayes: 8.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

AUDIENCE INPUT

DISCUSSION (Response to Audience Input):

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Indoor Ice Discussion

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.

Staff have been working with RAHA, ISD 196 and other organizations to look at growth and the future ice needs in Rosemount. Staff updated the Commission on the work that has been completed regarding indoor ice.

NEW BUSINESS

a. 2026 Parks and Natural Resources Commission Meetings Dates

Motion by Andrews Second by Bonkoski

Motion to approve the meetings dates for 2026.

Ayes: 8.

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

b. Environmental and Sustainability Updates

2025 Year in Review

- Rosemount, Hastings, and Farmington collected 2,219 lbs. of holiday lights.
- 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.

c. Director's Report

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 - N/A

Grants/Other - \$0

Interest - N/A

Donations - \$0

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Parks and Natural Resource Commission at the regular meeting and, upon a motion by Speich and a second by Edminson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Rambo
Office Specialist

Parks and Natural Resources Commission Regular Meeting: February 23, 2026

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

BACKGROUND

- January 26-30 was [Winter Salt Week](#)
 - Winter Salt Week is a national campaign that seeks to raise awareness of salt pollution and reduction solutions.
 - Free webinars on salt pollution and best practices are held each day of the event.
 - Look to see post(s) on Rosemount social media advertising free activities at Dakota County Libraries, offered by the Library and SWCD.

- The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency opened an informal pre-public notice comment period for updates to the Minnesota NPDES MS4 General Permit reissuance.
 - The MS4 Permit is the stormwater permit that the city is subject to.
 - The Permit sets minimum measures the City must take to reduce its impacts on surface waters (lakes, streams, wetlands).
 - It is a national permit that the State administers.
 - EPA sets the basic standards that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency adjusts to make it more relevant to Minnesota.
 - The permit is renewed and adjusted every 5–10 years.

- The City has begun a pond rehab project at Cormorant Pond, located on the east side of Shannon Pkwy between 144th & 143rd St W.
 - As a part of the City’s pond inspection and assessment protocols, the pond was shown to be silted in and working at a reduced functionality.
 - Additional upgrades to stormwater pipes going into and out of the pond are planned to correct erosion and maintenance issues.
 - About 6,300 cubic yards of sediment will be removed, and the annual Total Phosphorus

and Total Suspended Solids removal efficiencies are expected to increase by roughly 30% and 45% respectively.

- Pond rehab projects are often completed in winter to reduce the potential for stormwater pollution from excavation, reduce landscape restoration costs, and improved contractor availability.

Special Collections

- The cities of Rosemount, Hastings, and Farmington collected 1786 lbs. of holiday lights between November 17, 2025, and January 31, 2026. Collected lights were delivered to the Recycling Zone in Egan, where the metal components are extracted and recycled.

Miscellaneous Items

- The 2025 July-December Community Waste Abatement report was approved by Dakota County on February 12. The City of Rosemount will receive a \$57,239.50 reimbursement for this reporting period. Of that total reimbursement, each city will receive the following amount, per our JPA with the cities of Hastings and Farmington:
 - Rosemount: \$23,553.30
 - Hastings: \$15,499.12
 - Farmington: \$18,187.08

RECOMMENDATION

No action is needed for this item.

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AGENDA ITEM: Update on the City Council Goal Meeting	AGENDA SECTION: NEW BUSINESS
PREPARED BY: Dan Schultz, Parks & Recreation Director	AGENDA NO. 7.b.
ATTACHMENTS:	APPROVED BY: DLS
RECOMMENDED ACTION: None, discussion only.	

BACKGROUND

The City Council recently held their annual goal setting meeting on Friday, January 30, 2026.

The Parks and Recreation Department submitted information below as part of an update to the City Council regarding 2026 work plan opportunities:

Parks & Recreation

- Connecting the community through a high-quality trail system
 - Ex: Flint Hills Access Trails, Rosemount Greenway, Dunmore Greenway, Bonaire Path Trail, County Road 42 Underpass and Vermillion Highlands Greenway.
- Meet the community’s needs through providing high-quality facilities
 - Ex: replacing Birch Park playground, plan to meet ice needs, McMenomy Woods restoration, Central Park/PW redevelopment, refurbishment of Erickson Park, safety improvements at Shannon Park ball fields, full-size baseball field at UMore, 13 year ol baseball field, RAAA storage building, opening of the new dog park and buying land for a future athletic complex.
- Community transparency via a “Project Update” link for residents to follow progress of parks projects.
- Continue strong partnerships with local organizations that positively impact the quality of life for residents: 360 Communities, RAAC, Leprechaun Days, RAAA, Halloween Committee, RAHA, ISD 196 and others.
- Offer additional events and activities for the community to participate in (i.e. Food Truck Fest, RibFest, Octoberfest, recreation programs, seasonal programming, re-use and recycling opportunities etc.).

At the meeting on Monday, staff will provide an overview of the discussions held at the goal-setting session.

RECOMMENDATION

Non, discussion only.

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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: No action is being requested for this item.	

BACKGROUND

Park Improvement Fund Balance as of January 31, 2026: \$4,928,794.41

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

Dedication fees - \$0

Grants/Other - \$0

Interest - \$NA

Donations - \$0

Expenditures - \$3,255.53 (dog park project and UMore Building)

Warming houses - The outdoor skating and the warming house season is scheduled to end on Sunday, February 22. We had a good outdoor ice season with cooperating temperatures and not too much snow.

Pint Sized Prom - The Parks and Recreation Department hosted the annual Pint Size Prom, "Hollywood Glam: A Night at the Movies." Guests walked the red carpet and enjoyed an evening filled with music, crafts, snacks, dancing, and themed games led by Marilyn Monroe and Dorothy from *The Wizard of Oz*. A DJ, selfie station, and photo booth helped capture the fun throughout the night.

Royalty from Lakeville and Farmington volunteered alongside students from the RHS National Honor Society, contributing to a memorable and fun event for families.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is being requested for this item.