



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA SECTION	ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
MEETING DATE	SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

ITEM:	Resolution to Approve DNR Grant Required Restrictive Covenant for Sullivan Lake Park		
Presenting Item: John W. Stutzman, Parks and Recreation Director			
DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation		BY/DATE: John W. Stutzman / Sept 23, 2026	
CORE CITY STRATEGIES: <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)</i>			
☐ Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		☐ Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
☒ High Quality Public Spaces		☐ Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
☒ Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		☒ Inclusive and Connected Community	

BACKGROUND

The City has entered into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for \$350,000 in Land and Water Conservation Fund funding for improvements at Sullivan Lake Park. The grant supports improved accessibility, a new play area, seating, shade opportunities, and lighting infrastructure. As a condition of the grant, the City must place a restrictive covenant on the park property. The covenant requires the property to be permanently maintained for public outdoor recreation. Any conversion to another use would require written approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Secretary of the Interior.

CURRENT STATUS

With construction of Sullivan Lake Park playground underway, the proposed resolution authorizes the Mayor and City Manager to sign the Declaration of Restrictive Covenant. Staff will then record the covenant with Anoka County to satisfy grant requirements and proceed with reimbursement requests for project expenses.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the resolution authorizing execution of the Declaration of Restrictive Covenant for Sullivan Lake Park.

RECOMMENDED MOTION(S):
MOTION: Motion to waive the reading of Resolution No. 2026-58, there being ample copies available to the public.
MOTION: Motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-58, authorizing execution of the Declaration of Restrictive Covenant required for the Sullivan Lake Park Land and Water Conservation Fund grant.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Resolution No. 2026-58
Declaration of Restrictive Covenant