



City of Rock Falls

Recreational Trail Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: 01/14/10

Time Meeting Started: 3:00pm

Time Meeting Ended:

Members		Also Attended	
Pam Erby (chairperson)	P	Jerry Bartlett	P
Bob Schwab	P	Dick Stinson	P
Glen Kuhlemier	P	Cathy Brunner, Rock Falls Tourism	P
George Bellovics, IDNR	P	Mayor Blanton	P
Doug Wiersema, Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce	P	Richard Downey, City Administrator	P
P-Attended A-Absent			

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order at 3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairperson Erby called the meeting to order at 3pm. 	Meeting called to order at 3pm.
2. Previous Meeting's Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from December were approved as presented. 	Minutes were approved as presented.
3. Pam Erby: a. Boundary signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairperson Erby discussed the signage for the boundary to be placed on the trail. The signage is in and would be posted 32 feet off of the center line of the property, as the exact location of the edges of the property are unknown with a comprehensive survey of all of the surrounding properties. Glen Kuhlemier mentioned that at the previous Whiteside County CEDS meeting it was mentioned that the Illinois Grand Trail has signage that is available. He also mentioned that the Whiteside County Greenways & Trail map is complete. Discussion was had about how far apart from each other signs should be, it was decided on roughly 200 feet apart from each other starting at the Avenue D and trail crossing and going both Northeast and Southwest until Dixon Avenue and until the Lynville Bridge. Chairperson Erby requested that the city look into posting the signage, or if they city cannot get the signs posted, to inform the committee so a private firm can be hired to post the signs. 	City Administrator to check with Street Department on availability of staff to get boundary signs posted.
3. Pam Erby: b. Motorized Vehicles Prohibited Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion was held regarding posting "No motorized vehicle signs" on the trail. Signs would be posted at Avenue A, B, C D, 5th Street and Burlington crossings and would need to be at both directions, Northeast and Southwest entrances. Signs would say "motorized vehicles prohibited". 	Sign cost would be investigated and brought back to committee as time allowed.
3. Pam Erby: c. Matching Grant Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Administrator reported that there was no further information on Trail Grant. 	No action at this time.

3. Pam Erby: d. Comprehensive Plans for Grant Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item was briefly brought up to the committee with no action at this time. Once the first grant is awarded, then the committee would consider additional funds. 	No action.
3. Pam Erby: e. 2010 Meeting Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion was held on keeping the meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 3pm. Committee agreed, and also agreed that there would be no meeting in December. 	Item would be sent to City Clerk for inclusion on the City meeting calendar.
4. Committee member items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed getting an easement from Mrs. Peterson north of the Peterson building that is West of Route 40 and East of the park along the riverfront. Committee discussed lights and tree maintenance along the trail. 	No action at this time.
5. Meeting adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was adjourned at 3:52pm 	Meeting adjourned at 3:52pm.

Richard Downey, Recorder, Rock Falls Recreational Trail Committee