



City of Rock Falls Hennepin Canal – Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 10-8-2015

Time Meeting Started: 12:00

Time Meeting Ended: 12:58

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Schuneman – Chairman	p	Mayor Wescott	p
Alderman Folsom	p	Administrator Blackert	p
Alderman Snow		Clerk Arduini	p
Larry Spinka –Street Department		Inspector Searing	p
Mike Sterba – Coloma Park District	p	Alderman Kleckler	P
Tammy Marks – RRDA		George Bellovics - IDNR	P
Dave Hahne - IDNR	p	James Marks - RRDA	p
Brian Tribley – Firehouse of God			
Tim Keller	p		
John Larson	p		

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1.Call to Order @ 12:00 p.m. – Chairman Schuneman	Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm	Meeting begins 12:00pm
2.Audience Request	None	
3.Approve Minutes – Hennepin Canal Committee September 10th, 2015	The minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes approved
4.Old Business a.Location markers along the canal.	Mr. Hahne stated there has been no more progress on the markers. The Hennepin Hundred event went without incident. It was an international affair involving participants from 24 states and 5 countries.	No action
b.Master plan and placement of amenities 1. Toilet facilities discussion	Alderman Schuneman asked if the Committee would like to have toilet facilities on the Burlington Trail. The restrooms would be the largest cost of maintenance on the trail. Mayor Wescott added that school children will need restrooms when they visit the Storybook Trail. There was much discussion of keeping the master plan as is with all amenities included.	No action
3New Business a. Storybook Trail Dedication	There will be a ribbon cutting and dedication at the Storybook Trail on October 9 th , 2015 at 10:00am. Two busloads of students will be visiting the Storybook Trail that day. Chief Nelson inquired about lighting, and more security cameras being installed along the Storybook Trail to prevent vandalism.	A proclamation will be added to the next Council Agenda.
b.Discussion of Canal Conservancy – Alderman Schuneman	Alderman Schuneman would like to see a non-profit conservancy started to bring groups together, and help with repairs and improvements along the entire canal. Mr. Bellovics mentioned that a larger conservancy would have a way to get donations to the state for specific projects. Mr. Bellovics mentioned that in Milan Illinois River Action applied for grants and have done a lot of work around the Lock 30 Steel Dam area. The IDNR has a list of capital projects for the Hennepin Canal. Mayor Wescott will be meeting with Mr. Weigle from the friends of the Hennepin Canal soon.	No action
6.RRDA Report	James Marks mentioned that he visited the Horicon Marsh area in Wisconsin. He said that there is a nice education center there, and it is hard to tell what part was developed by the state, and volunteers.	No action
7.Volunteerism Report	Alderman Schuneman reported that Pastor Brian Tribley has been important to the trails, and his group has painted over the graffiti that was done on the Linville Crossing bridge.	No action
8.Committee Member Items	Tim Keller is going to have a group prairie seed harvesting event at Sauk Valley College on Monday October 19 th at 4:00 pm.	Volunteers should bring pruners and buckets.
9. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58pm.	Meeting ends at 12:58pm