



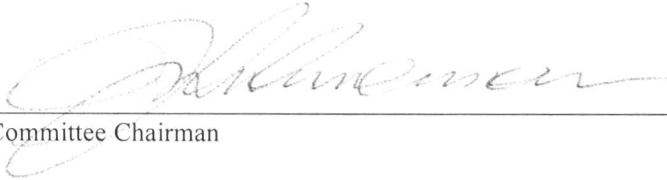
City of Rock Falls Hennepin Canal – Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 11-12-15 Time Meeting Started: 12:00 Time Meeting Ended: 12:41

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

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 at Noon
2.Audience Request	None	No action
3.Approve Minutes – Hennepin Canal Committee October 8th, 2015	Minutes were reviewed by the committee	The minutes were amended to add clarity to the work done by Firehouse of God ministries.
4.Old Business a.Location markers along the canal.	George Bellovics reported that there has been no further action on the issue.	No action
b.Master plan and placement of amenities	Alderman Jim Schuneman reported that the master plan will be the focus of the Committee over the winter. Mr. Bellovics offered to facilitate a charrette, to attempt to gain input from the community. This will help the citizens of Rock Falls take part in the future of the trail.	The Committee will schedule the master plan meeting after the 1 st of the year.
5.New Business a. Approval of Steve Buchtel to speak at the December meeting.	Alderman Schuneman reported that during the recent Blackhawk Hills Economic Development Seminar, a speaker named Steve Buchtel presented information on how trails can affect economies. Alderman Schuneman would like to have Mr. Buchtel speak at the December 10 th meeting, and he would like to invite the public, and business owners to the event. Alderman Glen Kuhlemier mentioned that Mr. Buchtel is one of the designers of the Hennepin Hundred race.	Committee approves the presentation at the next meeting.
6.RRDA Report	Clerk Eric Arduini reported that the RRDA had their final meeting for the year. The meeting was a brainstorming session to raise awareness about the group.	No action
7.Volunteerism Report	Pastor Brian Tribley would like to stain the 6x6 poles, and the page holders along the Storybook Trail.	Alderman Schuneman will contact Mary from the U of I extension to coordinate the staining, and installation of pexi-glass.
8.Committee Member Items	Alderman Schuneman mentioned that there is a survey from the University of Illinois asking the residents about their hopes for the Hennepin Canal. He encouraged residents to take the survey.	No action
	Tourism Director Janell Loos mentioned that there is no signage along the canal pointing users to area attractions such as Nim's Park, and local restaurants and lodging.	No action

	Tim Keller reported that he has talked to Bud Stigall's wife Darla Stigall recently. He now has two totes full of Bud Stigall's articles about the outdoors. Mr. Keller is seeking help collating the articles. Mr. Keller also mentioned that there is a large collection of books in Bud's library that may be sold. He is looking for somewhere that would be interested in purchasing the entire collection to keep it together with some sort of memorial for Bud.	Mayor Wescott will speak to Darla Stigall, and the Rock Falls Public Library to try to assist with both items.
	Coloma Park District Director Mike Sterba informed the committee that the Park District will be installing a new bridge at Centennial Park this winter. He also shared a story about how Bud Stigall helped get the Illinois legislature to approve the boat launch at Arduini Marina.	No action
9.Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee the meeting was adjourned at 12:41pm	Meeting ends at 12:41pm



Committee Chairman