



City of Rock Falls Hennepin Canal – Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 5-14-2015

Time Meeting Started: 12:02pm

Time Meeting Ended:

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

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1.Call to Order @ 12:00 p.m. – Chairman Schuneman	Meeting was called to order at 12:02pm	Meeting begins at 12:00am
2.Audience Request	None	
3.Approve Minutes – Hennepin Canal Committee April 9th, 2015	Minutes of the 4/9/2015 were reviewed by the committee	Minutes Approved
4.Old Business: a. Trail Markers for the Canal	George Bellovics reported that a request for trail markers has been submitted to State. He explained a request for trail markers was submitted for both the Hennepin and the feeder. He said that he suspected the request for the feeder would be filled first.	No Action
b. Update on Recreational Trail	Mark Searing reported that Com Ed had cleared their right of way and had donated three bags of prairie seed for replanting.	No Action
5.New Business: a. Approval for the Storybook Trail.	Mark Searing explained to the committee the actions taken so far with the storybook trail. He explained that the Illinois Extension Service will sponsor the story books. They will be responsible for changing the stories. They will also make an effort to contact the local schools and preschools to educate them on the trail. The boy scouts will be working on building the receptacles for the stories.	The trail was approved and moved on to council for its approval.
b. Discussion of signage recognizing. c. Bus Parking area. d. ADA trail access discussion.	George Bellovics began by suggesting that a master plan should be created that would include naming of the trail, parking, bathrooms, pavilions, and anything else that the committee decided was needed. He suggested community input be solicited. He explained that the County has a Greenway plan that includes trails throughout the County, including Rock Falls. He said that if our rec trail was not included we could amend our plan. George explained that without a master plan grants were almost impossible to get. This was new information for the committee. Previous committees had been aware of the need for a master plan, but had never acted on it.	The Chairman volunteered to get a copy of the Greenway Plan and work with Mr. Sterba to present suggestions to the committee for a master plan at the next meeting.
6.RRDA Report –	Canal Cleanup Report 650lbs of trash in 2 hours	
7.Volunteerism Report	Brian Tribley reported that vandalism has become a problem on the trails. He reported that his group had begun painting the bridge at the Linville Crossing and that he was already having repaint. A discussion was held on how to handle the problem, the need to handle it promptly	It was decided to install a camera to get evidence and prosecute those responsible.
8.Committee Member Items	Mike Sterba reported that the Coloma Park district was celebrating its 90th anniversary this year.	No action
9.Adjournment	with nothing else for the good of the committee the meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm	Meeting ends at 1:20pm