



City of Rock Falls Hennepin Canal – Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 6-11-15 **Time Meeting Started:** 12:00 **Time Meeting Ended:** 1:15

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

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to order at 12:00pm	Meeting was called to order.	Meeting begins 12:00pm
2. Audience Request	None	No action
3. Approve Minutes – Hennepin Canal Committee May 14th, 2015	Minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes approved
4. Old Business a. Security Cameras at Linville Crossing	It has been recognized that most of the property damage being done at Linville Crossing has been done at night. There is a light at the west side of the bridge, but it does not shine on the bridge itself. It was determined that the light needs to be directed on to the bridge, a security camera, and proper signage should be installed upon the light pole.	Alderman Schuneman will check with Sup. Simon about adjusting the light pole, and installing the new necessary hardware.
a. Creation of a master Plan	<p>Alderman Schuneman presented a document outlining tasks to be done by the committee.</p> <p>Alderman Schuneman also presented maps taken from the Whiteside County Greenway Plan. It was shown on the plan that a trail was to go west to the 12th Avenue Bridge. The Committee would like the riverside trail to be focused on the area from the lower dam to the upper dam.</p> <p>The greenway trail depicted the recreational trail which was the former railroad tracks as “proposed”. The committee would like to see the recreational trail changed to “existing”.</p> <p>Alderman Schuneman will work with Dick Simon on creating a new map highlighting small rail sections around an overall map of the Rock Falls trail system. The sections highlighted can be</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Linville Crossing to McNeil (Storybook Trail) 2. Linville Crossing to Avenue D 3. Avenue D to Dixon Avenue. 4. River Trail – lower Dam to Upper Dam <p>Grants - It was discussed that the master plan needs to be developed prior to submitting for grants,</p> <p>The Bollards cost \$500 each and the trail will need 6 of them right away. They have been budgeted for. It was mentioned that ComEd, along with emergency personnel will have keys to access the trail after the poles, and bollards are installed.</p> <p>Mission / Vision Statement – The committee members will work on the Mission</p>	<p>Clerk Arduini will contact the county with the recommended changes, and find out if this county map is what is submitted to the state for their bike map.</p> <p>The Committee will examine other trail master plans and develop one for Rock Falls.</p> <p>The Committee will work with Dick Simon and Cloud point to map the placement of benches, bollards, and lights along the trail.</p> <p>Mark Searing will speak to ComEd concerning the placement of bollards, and edge barrier poles.</p>

	<p>/ Vision Statement. This will include renderings of the trail area, community involvement, naming by the public,</p> <p>Historic Marketing – The committee would like to market the past industries of our community. IH, Eureka, 1st Hydro Plant in the State. Mitten Factory</p> <p>The trail is to run north from Dixon Avenue, and the city will be working with Mr. Hoffman who has paved over part of the trail just south of Dixon Avenue to allow the trail passage through that area.</p>	
6.RRDA Report	<p>The RRDA will be setting up a tent at the Rock River Splash. Dept. Chief Milby stated that the buoys were set with the help of the IDNR crew. The buoys were set by GPS, and then adjusted by depth due to the shifting channel. Some of the GPS coordinates were now only 2 feet deep.</p>	Deputy Chief Milby will approach Dave Hahne about setting the buoys.
7. Volunteerism Report	<p>Pastor Brian Tribley reported that they had painted numerous times at the Linville Crossing bridge only to find vandals had scratched the paint off and painted graffiti.</p>	No Action
8.Committee Member Items	<p>Mark Searing brought up the trail markers. The city will need markers along all of our trail system to help tourists who are not from the area identify Their location when there is an emergency. The trail from Fulton to Savanna has some sort of fiberglass or plastic flat markers that can be bent over and spring back up. They are the same as what are used to mark underground pipelines, and they are very durable.</p> <p>There seems to be a push for State of Illinois offices to be moved into the Locktender’s House now that the renter was asked to move.</p>	No action
9.Adjournment	<p>With nothing else for the good of the committee the meeting was adjourned 1:15pm</p>	Meeting ends at 1:15pm

Committee Chairman