



City of Rock Falls Hennepin Canal – Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 7-9-2015 Time Meeting Started: 12:10 Time Meeting Ended: 12:15

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

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1.Call to Order @ 12:00 p.m. – Chairman Schuneman	Meeting was called to order at 12:10pm	Meeting begins 12:10pm
2.Audience Request	None	No action
3.Approve Minutes – Hennepin Canal Committee June 11th, 2015	Minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes approved
4.Old Business a.Location markers along the canal	No IDNR Representatives were present at the meeting	No action
5.New Business: a. Mission Statement	The committee members studied some sample mission statements. After much discussion a consensus was made to have the mission statement read: “The Mission of the City of Rock Falls Hennepin Canal / Trails Committee is to work towards the establishment of a multi-use public recreational trail system that serves and connects the community with other regional trails.”	The new Mission statement was approved
	After much more discussion a consensus was made to have the vision statement read: “The City of Rock Falls Trail System will be a unique public asset offering a safe place for members of the community, and visitors to freely enjoy nature, bike, exercise, or simply enjoy the environment and experience local history and the connection to the Hennepin Canal Parkway, and Rock River National Water Trails.”	The new vision statement was approved
b. Master Plan 1. Divide up trail	Alderman Schuneman presented the Committee with a map that Dick Simon, and CloudPoint had put together for the main map of the Rock Falls Trail System. This map will be used as the center of the map with highlighted areas to be displayed around it. The Committee reviewed and accepted the 6 individual sections of the Recreational Trail along the former railroad tracks. There was much discussion about the importance of having the Recreational Trail be connected to the Hennepin Canal Trail as had been studied by the IDNR. Mr. Tribley inquired if the area could be made safer by volunteers for passage between the trails until a permanent solution is produced.	It was decided that the RB&W Greenspace Committee will have more input about the riverfront trail at this time. The map should have the trails named, such as the Rock River National Water Trail, and Hennepin Canal Parkway. The Committee Members are encouraged to travel the trail and bring back their wish lists for

		<p>each section to the Committee at the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Tribley will reach out to the IDNR to find out if they would be allowed to work on connecting the trails.</p>
2. Procedure and schedule for naming trail	After much discussion the committee feels that naming of the trail should be done with help from the public. It would be the name of the entire system. The names should be decided after the master plan is finished. Alderman Kleckler recommends the name Rock Falls be included in the name. The new Tourism director should oversee the name selection process.	No Action
3. Timeframe for the county map	The county map needs to be updated. The railroad bed trail is now established, and there is no plans for a trail to Lawrence Park.	Clerk Arduini will contact the county to have the trails map updated.
c. Customer Information Confidentiality Policy	Clerk Arduini distributed Customer Information Policy copies to the board members who do not work for the City.	Committee members signed that they received a copy of the policy.
6.RRDA Report	Clerk Arduini reported that the RRDA set up a booth at the Rock Falls River Chase on Saturday. The RRDA had a game at the booth and gave away all of their 2015 "I cleaned up" merchandise.	No action
7.Volunteerism Report	Pastor Brian Tribley inquired as to when the trail will be sprayed, and scraped with the box scraper. Mr. Tribley also asked if the bollards would be installed this year. Alderman Schuneman commented that the new concrete bridge approaches look terrific.	The 6 bollards have not yet been ordered, but all three items are planned to be finished this year.
	Inspector Searing stated that the RB&W District use applications need to require at least one handicapped accessible porta pot for every event that is allowed to be hosted there.	Clerk Arduini will make the necessary changes to the application.
	Mike Sterba inquired about ADA accessible golf carts. Mayor Wescott informed him that if a golf cart was approved to drive on any city street, it would be required to meet all state regulations, and be inspected annually by the Police Department.	No action
	Alderman Schuneman read some correspondence from Peter Paladino who was concerned that the city may have plans of removing trees at the lower dam. He stated that they are nesting areas for bald eagles. He also spoke of the possibility of erecting an eagle viewing blind in the area.	The City has no plans at this time for removing trees in that area.
	Adm. Blackert mentioned that she is working with Terracon for the reuse of the limestone building area.	The area will remain free to public access for fishing.

Committee Chairman