



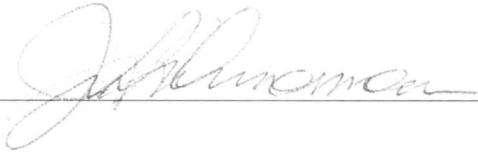
City of Rock Falls Hennepin Canal – Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 8-13-15 **Time Meeting Started:** 12:00pm **Time Meeting Ended:** 1:10pm

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	p	Inspector Searing	p
Mike Sterba – Coloma Park District	p	Mary Nelson – University of Illinois Extension	P
Tammy Marks – RRDA	p	Bill Milby	p
Dave Hahne - IDNR	p		
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	Meeting begins at 12.00
2. Audience Request	Mary Nelson from the University of Illinois Extension office introduced herself to the committee. Mrs. Nelson spoke about story walks, and gave her plans for 16 kiosks to be placed from the Linville Crossing bridge to the turnaround at Beltway Road. Children from ages 5-8 will be able to walk the trail, reading a page of the book at each kiosk. The children will then return and read pages on the way back. Mrs. Nelson would like to see this begin in September. The area could be used by students all year long. Mayor Wescott suggested that packets could be made for teachers to help them and the students prepare for the trip.	No action
3. Approve Minutes – Hennepin Canal Committee July 9th, 2015	Minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes accepted
4. Old Business a. Location markers along the canal	Dave Hahne from the IDNR will be speaking with George Bellovics about the marker signs. The markers will probably be spaced every quarter mile, and the crews will have to be careful mowing around them. Deputy Chief Milby stated that the trail is getting busier, and the department had their first call for a serious accident on the Sterling side of the walk bridge recently when two bikes collided.	No action
b. Master Plan Defining sections, and wish lists	Inspector Searing reported that Alderman Schuneman, Tim Keller, and he recently examined the prairie plots, and they are doing great for how new they are. Alderman Schuneman would like to see some kind of in-kind agreement with groups that are interested in harvesting the prairie seeds in the future. The Committee will take another month to make their suggestions for benches and the placement of amenities along the trail. Alderman Schuneman suggested pergolas for shelter and shade rather than shelters due to their lower cost of maintenance.	No action
6. RRDA Report a. River Cleanup September 5th, 2015	Tammy Marks from the RRDA reported that the River cleanup will be held from 7:00am to 11:00am on September 5 th , 2015. Bill Milby mentioned that the date is also opening day for teal hunting.	No action
7. Volunteerism Report	Pastor Brian Tribley reported that his group has recently cleaned up and mulched the kiosks at the canal locks area. He has seen many people visiting from out of state learning about the canal.	No action

8. Committee Member Items	John Larson reported that Linville crossing is looking great, and when his Boyscout troop went to remove trash, there was not much to be found.	No action.
9. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm	



Committee Chairman