



City of Rock Falls Hennepin Canal – Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 9-10-2015

Time Meeting Started: 12:00pm

Time Meeting Ended: 1:25pm

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

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1.Call to Order @ 12:00 p.m. – Chairman Schuneman	Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm	Meeting begins 12:00pm
2.Audience Request a.Ben Porter- Crystal Lake Campground	Did not attend the meeting.	No action
b.Dave Druen- Dave’s Outdoor World	Did not attend the meeting.	No action
3.Approve Minutes – Hennepin Canal Committee August 13th, 2015	Minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes approved
4.Old Business a.Location markers along the canal.	No IDNR representatives were present to report. Deputy Fire Chief Bill Milby reported that during the Hennepin Hundred Race the Fire Department will be ready to help the aid stations within the fire district.	No action
b.Master plan and placement of amenities	<p>The committee reviewed the 6 sections of the recreational trail, and presented their ideas for the master plan.</p> <p>Section 1: One bench, one trash receptacle, and one bike rack just east of the Beltway Rd. Circle.</p> <p>Section 2: - A parking lot to be installed at the corner of East 11th St. and Industrial Park Rd. - A wooden walk bridge spanning the prairie plot. - A pavilion similar to the one at the Arduini boat ramp with electric - Toilet facilities and trash receptacles This is to be located on the southeast corner of the opening from the prairie plot to the trail.</p> <p>Section 3: - Install an ADA accessible ramp connecting the Hennepin Canal towpath with the recreational trail.</p> <p>Section 4: - Large parking lot area with bus parking for tour groups. - Large pavilion with 6-8 picnic tables - Poles and bollards installed to prevent vehicle access on the trail.</p>	The Comprehensive Plan will be built, and brought to the Council when approval is needed for grants.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Welcome Area” Kiosk explaining the trail system, historical display of former train round house. - Electric and Toilet facilities 	
	<p>Section 5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re-design of the intersection of East 7th and Avenue C. - This section will be a biking and walking area. <p>Section 6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The roadway will need to be striped for safe pedestrian and bike traffic. - The Dixon Avenue crossing will need to be examined for safe pedestrian crossing. - A kiosk will be installed at the riverfront trail connection. <p>The trail will be sprayed, and smoothed with a box scraper, then covered with an approved limestone surface.</p>	
c. Whiteside County Trail Map Update	Clerk Arduini has been speaking with Whiteside County to make sure that the trail changes in Rock Falls are illustrated on the County Trails Map.	No action
5. New Business: a. Discussion of Canal Conservancy – Alderman Schuneman	Alderman Schuneman would like to look at ways to acquire more funds, and volunteers to help along the canal.	No action
6. RRDA Report a. River Cleanup September 5th, 2015	James Marks, President of the RRDA showed pictures of the 30 th annual River Sweep event that was recently held to clean trash out of the river. Mr. Marks reported that the IDNR helped haul the trash, and the dump truck was totally filled. Mr. Marks also displayed pictures of recent graffiti at Linville Crossing. Deputy Chief Milby reported that the buoys will be removed on October 1 st .	No action
7. Volunteerism Report	Pastor Brian Tribley asked the committee how the recent graffiti should be dealt with. Mr. Tribley mentioned that the overhead lights need to be adjusted and a bridge light added to improve security on the bridge. Larry Spinka will coordinate with the Electric Department. A new sign will be made by the Street department, and the security camera will be installed.	Mr. Tribley will examine the area for a way to remove the graffiti. Rock Falls Police will be notified.
8. Committee Member Items	Tim Keller reported that he has been having good meetings with the new Sauk Valley College president. The new President would like to come to a meeting.	Mr. Keller will extend an invitation to the new SVCC President, and go to Whiteside County for Roundhouse pictures.
9. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm	Meeting ends at 1:25pm

Committee Chairman