



## City of Rock Falls Hennepin Canal – Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: 1-14-2015**

**Time Meeting Started: 12:00pm**

**Time Meeting Ended: 1:10pm**

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	p		
Tammy Marks – RRDA	p		
George Bellovics - IDNR	p		
Brian Tribley – Firehouse of God	p		
John Larson	p		
Tim Keller	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 at 12:00
2.Audience Request	None	No action
3.Approve Minutes – Hennepin Canal Committee December 10th, 2015	Minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes approved
4.Old Business a.Location markers along the canal.	No report given by Mr. Bellovics	Tabled
b. Charrette planning and set date	<p>Mr. Bellovics reported that he had viewed the maps supplied by the Whiteside County GIS office. These should be printed at 36” x 48”. The public should be invited. The City will be reaching the public via social media, Channel 5, the website, and PSAs throughout the community.</p> <p>Mr. Bellovics will be facilitating the Charrette, but it is the Hennepin Canal – Trails Committee’s project. There will be a sign-in sheet, and the group will be divided into 2-3 groups. Each group will present their ideas at the end, and these ideas will come back to the committee for consideration.</p> <p>Alderman Schuneman mentioned some ideas that Steve Buchtel had shared for the intersection of the trail and Dixon Ave. They included a 10 ft. wide blacktopped area next to Avenue A and along the edge of the parking lot. Mr. Bellovics stated that it may make sense to improve that area at Avenue A if striping is done north of Dixon Avenue to the riverfront. There was much discussion about striping Avenue A with bike lanes. Mike Sterba suggested pedestrian cones could be installed if traffic warranted it.</p>	No action
5.RRDA Report	Mrs. Marks reported that the RRDA had mailed out its membership letters.	No action
6.Volunteerism Report	Mr. Tribley reported that his group had begun removing plywood from the storybook trails posts to paint them. Mr. Tribley reported that some vandalism had occurred along the storybook trail, but he was able to recover the broken items and repair them. The posts are not cemented in, and some have been loosened.	No action
7.New Business: a. Approval of payment for storybook trail Pexiglass	Kurtz Glass has given a quote for the pexiglass at \$775.04. There was much discussion about how difficult pexiglass can be to work with, and how they may be attached to the trail poles.	Mr. Tribley will get a couple more quotes Tabled.

b. Eagle project presentation – Jim Duis	Alderman Schuneman reported that Jim Duis is looking to install an eagle camera at the lower dam. This will be a live feed on the internet, and will show eagles feeding rather than nesting like many other eagle cams. Mr. Duis has many groups involved in the project. The project website and equipment is around \$5500.00, and he is looking for a grant to help with this. Inspector Searing stated that the camera could be used to view summer birds such as pelicans during other times of the year.	No action
8.	Alderman Schuneman reported that Tim Keller, Eric Arduini, and he had spread milkweed, and other prairie seeds at the Sewer Department Plots. Tim Keller reported counting over 1000 ducks at Spring Slough.	No action
9. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the Committee the meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.	Meeting ends at 1:10pm

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Committee Chairman