



City of Rock Falls Hennepin Canal – Trails Committee Meeting Minutes


Date: 8-11-2016

Time Meeting Started: 12:00pm

Time Meeting Ended: 1:10pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Schuneman – Chairman	p	Mayor Wescott	
Alderman Folsom		Administrator Blackert	
Alderman Snow		Deputy Chief Bill Milby	p
Larry Spinka – Street Department		Inspector Searing	p
Mike Sterba – Coloma Park District	p	Mary Nelson	p
Eric Arduini – RRDA	p	Pat Fortney	P
Tom Vandemore - IDNR		Jim Burley	P
Brian Tribley – Firehouse of God	p	Jim Duis	P
John Larson			
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 12:00pm
2. Audience Request	None	
3. Approve Minutes – Hennepin Canal Committee June 9th, 2016	The committee reviewed the minutes	Minutes approved
4. Old Business: a. Location markers along the canal.	Deputy Fire Chief Bill Milby presented markers to the committee from Carsonite. These are the same markers used in the river to mark duck blinds. The markers cost \$16.85 each, and could be installed by the Fire Department. They would like them to be placed in the water every 1/4 mile from the upper dam to ridge road. The markers would be in the water 2 feet from the bank. The Fire Department would like to mark the trail in Sterling with another color so that it is easier to find people that need help.	The committee recommends that Clerk Arduini reach out to the IDNR for the next steps in attaining permission for the project.
5. New Business a. Discussion on running trails.	Alderman Schuneman presented maps of four possible running routes. These maps were printed from the app “map my run” The committee would like to offer running routes that are useable, but do not have to deal with a lot of automobile traffic. The committee viewed the website for QCTrails.org, and would like to see an app or website designed this way. Adm. Blackert said that there may be grants for this, but the organization would need to be ready, and they are usually 50 / 50 matching grants.	The committee would like to investigate creating an app and a website for the trails.
b. Tree removal from the prairie under ComEd ROW.	Building Inspector Mark Searing said that the trees are about 12 feet tall, and they will need to be removed from the prairie plot under the power lines. He suggest a burn this fall, and then removal of the trees. The stumps need to be treated to make sure they do not grow back.	Adm. Blackert will out it out to the department heads for help. This will be scheduled for mid to late October.
6. RRDA Report	The next RRDA meeting is on August 15 th , 2016.	
7. Volunteerism Report	Jim Burley, and Jim Duis visited the committee, and have been working with the Dixon Park District in developing their trails. They mentioned working with RRTI.	No action
8. Committee Member Items	Tim Keller informed the committee that elderberries are ready to harvest, and there is a Monarch migration festival happening on September 10 th in Galesburg, IL. There has also been article written on planting crops for monarchs in the Agrinews magazine. Mike Sterba informed the committee that the butterfly garden in Centennial Park has been doing well, and congratulated Tim on being the cover story in Living Magazine.	No action
9. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.	Meeting ends at 1:00pm.



 Committee Chairman