



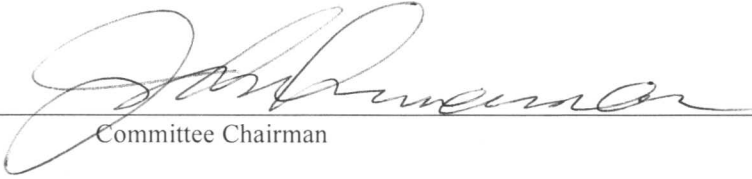
City of Rock Falls Hennepin Canal – Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 11-10-2016 **Time Meeting Started:** 12:00pm **Time Meeting Ended:** 12:20

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Schuneman – Chairman	p	Mayor Wescott	
Alderman Folsom	p	Administrator Blackert	p
Alderman Snow		Alderman Kleckler	p
Larry Spinka –Street Department	p	Inspector Searing	p
Mike Sterba – Coloma Park District		Mary Nelson	P
Eric Arduini – RRDA	p	Bill Milby	P
Tom Vandemore - IDNR		Janell Loos	P
Brian Tribley – Firehouse of God	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	Meeting begins at 12:00pm
2.Audience Request	None	No action
3.Approve Minutes – a.Hennepin Canal Committee September 8th, 2016 minutes.	The minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes approved
4.Old Business: a.Location markers along the canal.	Deputy Fire Chief Bill Milby presented the committee with the markers that are going to be installed every .25 miles along the canal in Rock Falls. They will be placed 2 feet off of the bank and placed to line up with the marker emblems already in place on the trail. The markers are reflective so that they will be seen by snowmobiles.	No action
b.Tree removal from the prairie under ComEd ROW.	The area is too green to do the tree removal currently. Mary Nelson can get a group of volunteers if she is notified of the date a couple of weeks ahead of time. It may be done in the spring after a burn.	No action Larry Spinka and Inspector Searing will determine a date for the tree removal.
5.New Business a.Grant writing discussion.	Adm. Blackert had nothing to report	Tabled
b.Goals for railroad trail	Alderman Schuneman would like to see the trail sprayed to kill the vegetation and define the trail to 5 th Street. Larry said that his crews can spray it in the spring, and go back and drag it after it is killed.	No action
c.Storybook Trail update	Mary Nelson reported that she has changed the book along the trail to “The Cloud Book”. It begins on the beltway side currently. The trail has been featured on the Illinois Extension webpage, and that has spurred interest from other communities to build it into their trails. Mrs. Nelson may try to put two books up at a time next year. She would like more fliers to be distributed, as many people still do not know about the trail. Tourism Director Janell Loos informed Mary that there may be a grant to have rack cards produced available from Blackhawk Waterways.	No action
6.RRDA Report	Eric Arduini reported that the RRDA has finished up for the year, and had their yearend meeting in October.	No action
7.Volunteerism Report	Alderman Schuneman reported to Mr. Tribley that some thing was painted on the bridge.	

8. Committee Member Items	Tourism Director Loos shared information from the RRTI, and she was unaware that others in the community were not included on the RRTI email list. Frank Schier is in bad health and is selling the newspaper, and trying to finish some books. Alderman Schuneman commented on the Rock River Art Trail. Director Loos received an Air Trail sign to be placed at the airport.	No action
9. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of committee the meeting was adjourned at 12:20pm	Meeting ends at 12:20pm



Committee Chairman