

City of Rock Falls

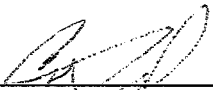
Eagle Trail Committee Meeting Minutes

Date *2-16-2022* Time Meeting Started: 5:35 p.m. Time Meeting Ended: 6:35 p.m.

Members		Also Attended	
Chairman Casey Babel	P	Administrator Blackert	A
Amy Williamson	A	Melinda Jones	P
Paul Gierhart	P	Mayor Kleckler	P
John Larson	P		
Jim Schuneman	P		
X-Attended A-Absent			

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was called to order by Chairman Babel at 5:35 pm. 	
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A motion was made by Chairman Babel to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 minutes, second by Member Larson, motion carried. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion about directional signage at Seward Park if needed or not due to park closure in the winter. Decided to go ahead with signage there. Quote from Turnroth Sign Co. for the directional signage is \$1,575.00, This includes (8) 18"x18" panels, (5) 24"x24" panels and (2) 3'x3' panels. All panels with copy on one side. All copy printed with U.V. protective coating. A motion was made by Member Gierhart and second by Member Larson to purchase the directional signage from Turnroth Sign Co. Discussion about more fencing needed at Lawrence Park to keep people out of the Bald Eagle high use area. Melinda Jones talked with Jana Jacobs from Sterling Park District about possibly blocking off the area from bank to bank at the fork of the drive. Jana said they will definitely consider for next year. 	A. Melinda will order directional signage from Turnroth Sign Co.
Committee Member Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melinda Jones reported on the Flock to the Rock '22 event and what a success it was except that it was really cold. Speakers were Alyssa Parker and Rudy Vallejo. Vendors were Gierhart Photography, Illinois Conservation Police, RRDA, Friends of the Hennepin Canal, and Salvation Army serving hot chocolate. We heard visitors came from Barrington, IL and Burlington, WI. Jim Schuneman brought up the idea for next year to meet at the lower dam to watch eagles and then come back to the Community Building to host the rest of the event with speakers and vendors. Melinda Jones reported that on Sunday, February 13, 2022, the Fox Valley Camera Group was here with a dozen photographers. 	

	<p>They photographed the Eagles from the lower dam area. The photographers were from Aurora, DeKalb, and Chicago areas. Melinda Jones went to the lower dam that morning and greeted them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of the Hennepin Canal are interested in co-sponsoring an event on the Hennepin Canal when the spring migration of birds takes place. Melinda Jones will ask them to come speak at the next Rock Falls Birding Trail meeting on their ideas and dates. 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman Babel moved to adjourn at 6:35 pm, second by Member Gierhart. 	Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Chairman Babel