



City of Rock Falls

Eagle Trail Committee Meeting Minutes

Date 09/07/2022

Time Meeting Started: 5:30 p.m.

Time Meeting Ended: 6:30 p.m.

Members		Also Attended	
Chairman Casey Babel	P	Administrator Blackert	A
Angelic Stewart	A	Melinda Jones	P
Paul Gierhart	P	Mayor Kleckler	P
John Larson	A		
Jim Schuneman	P	Guest - Tom Doig	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 5:30 p.m. 	
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 June 14, 2022 minutes, second by Member Gierhart, motion carried 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion about Eagle Cam for the Eagle nest at Centennial Park included possible locations, possibility of getting a sponsor, and who would maintain it. Member Jones will ask Robbin Blackert if Mary Nelson is still with the University of Illinois Extension Service. If so, Mary might be a person to contact about an Eagle Cam. Flock to the Rock event is scheduled for February 11, 2023. Meet at the lower dam at 9am to view the eagles. At 10am meet at the Rock Falls Community Building and at 10:15 am, the Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab & Education will present a 45 minute to 1 hour presentation about eagles and birds along the Rock River as well as they will bring 6-8 birds such as Red Tail Hawk, owls, and possibly an Eagle that is in training. The fee for them to come is \$350.00. Member Jones is awaiting contract from the Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab & Education to confirm. Member Jones is working on lining up vendors and attempting to get ahold of Rudy Vellago who did the Eagle Dance last year to see if he will do this again. The Illinois Audubon Society publishes a magazine 3-4 times a year and if you are an affiliate member of the Illinois Audubon, you can have a spotlight page to talk about your trail and will also the trail would be listed on their website. Member Jones and The fee to be an affiliate member is \$100 for one year. Chairman Babel made a motion for the Rock Falls Birding Trail to become an affiliate member of the Illinois Audubon, seconded by Member Gierhart, motion carried. Member Gierhart will work together in getting the article written and submitted for the 	<p>A. No action</p> <p>B. No action</p> <p>C. Become an affiliate member of IL Audubon for \$100/yr approved</p>

	Winter issue of the magazine (deadline is October 24 th).	
Committee Member Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Gierhart made a rack card that can be used to hand out. This rack card has information about the Bald Eagle Winter Migration Along the Rock River and includes a map of the Rock Falls Birding Trail. Only addition that needs to be done is adding a QR code that takes you to the Visit Rock Falls website - Rock Falls Birding Trail. Member Gierhart and Member Jones will get this complete. Member Gierhart will get quotes from Pinney Printing Company for printing these rack cards. • Discussion about how to involve local businesses with possible sponsorships/chapter members. Member Jones will reach out to the Eagles Club in Rock Falls and see if they might be interested in having an "Eagle Breakfast or Eagle Dinner" in the future to start getting awareness out about the trail. • Member Jones will reach out to Jana Jacobs at Sterling Park District regarding fencing at Lawrence Park for the Eagle migration. • Guest Tom Doig mentioned he would be interested in doing a bird walk sometime in the future. 	<p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p> <p>No action</p>
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman Babel moved to adjourn at 6:30 pm, second by Member Gierhart. 	Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



 Chairman Babel