

City of Rock Falls Eagle Trail Committee Meeting Minutes

Date 03/14/2023 Time Meeting Started: 5:32 p.m. Time Meeting Ended: 6:33 p.m.

| | Also Attended | |
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| Р | Melinda Jones | Р |
| Р | Mayor Kleckler | Р |
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| Р | Tom Doig | Р |
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| Ordinance/Topic | Discussion | Plan of Action |
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| Call to Order | Meeting was called to order by Chairman Babel at 5:32 p.m. | |
| Public Comment | None | |
| Approval of Minutes | A motion was made by Member Gierhart to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 minutes, second by Member Schuneman, motion carried. | Motion carried |
| New Business | Spring Migration Bird Walk. Tom Doig would like to do a Spring Migration Bird Walk in Rock Falls on May 6, 2023. Event would begin at 7:30am with everyone meeting at Centennial Park at the Little Red Schoolhouse parking lot. The walk would be along the Hennepin Canal and in Centennial Park and would be approximately 2-3 hours depending on the birds and the crowd. People will be asked to bring binoculars, water, and wear comfortable shoes. The walk will be rain or shine. Tom will send Melinda information for a write up for press release. Melinda will add to website event calendar and advertise on social medial platforms. Todd will contact Illinois Audubon Society about the walk. Photo Blind - Shipping container at P.A. site. Mayor Kleckler talked about the shipping container idea for the blind at the P.A. site in Rock Falls. Allen Skoog is willing to donate a shipping container. The container is 20' long. We could possibly have it by spring/early summer. Points to consider if used would be what color to paint it, having a steel door entry with security lock, window with locks, whether or not utilities would be needed or could do solar panel, and a camera surveillance on it. Member Gierhart said he will look into ideas of blinds and have his boss scout out blinds in Nebraska for ideas and report back. | Discussion only |

| Committee Member Items | Member Gierhart said he will be working on a Fall Migration Rack Card. Fall migration starts in July. Melinda reported that she has left a message with Kapp Banquet Facility to call her regarding the possibility of having the Flock to the Rock '24 there. Melinda reported that Bob Storm, ice carver, has agreed to be at the Flock to the Rock '24 and will do the 3 ice carvings at the cost of \$600 total. Melinda will talk to Northern IL Raptor & Rehab and Rudy Vallejo early Fall to see if they will be a part of the Flock to the Rock '24. Mayor Kleckler mentioned the Trails Committee had dissolved several years ago and asked if the Eagle Trail Committee would be interested in managing the trails and prairie plots. Some of the prairie plots could probably benefit in the near future to have a burn off. The Rock Falls Fire Department would do this. Mayor Kleckler will follow up with Rock Falls Fire Department about a burn off. | |
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| Adjournment | Chairman Babel moved to adjourn at 6:33 p.m., second by Member Gierhart. | Adjourned at 6:33 p.m. |

Chairman Babel