



City of Rock Falls Hennepin Canal / Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 10-9-2014 **Time Meeting Started:** 12:00 **Time Meeting Ended:** 1:05

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Schuneman-Chairman	P	Administrator Blackert	P
John Larson	P	Clerk Arduini	P
Larry Spinka	P		
Tim Keller	P		
Tim Wilson	P		
Mike Sterba	P		
Brian Tribley	P		
Also Attended			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order at 12:00 noon	Meeting was called to order at 12:00noon	Meeting begins at 12:00
2. Approve minutes	Minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes approved
3. New Business	Pastor Brian Tribley handed out a sheet showing the committee what projects were done this year. He thanked the IDNR, Tourism and the City for giving approval for the projects. He also thanked them for equipment and supplies through the year.	No action
a. Review of 2014 Canal Projects		
b. Discussion of wildlife trail - prairie projects – Tim Keller	Mr. Keller stated that prairie project near the water tower has taken off nicely. The prairie areas should be burned off in March or April to favor the correct plants. Mr. Keller recommends a field trip for the members of the committee and others to view the prairie. There was much discussion about the manpower of pulling weeds, and harvesting seeds. The committee would also like to see bird houses installed.	The committee will inform Mr. Kuhlemier that they would like to see prairie areas included in the covenants for the West Industrial Park.
- ComEd right of way	The North side of much of the trail is ComEd right of way. Mr. Searing has a meeting with a ComEd representative on 10/10/2014. They will discuss the roll ComEd will have in removal of brush and replacement of prairie grass.	No action
c. Trail Projects Budget Discussion	Alderman Schuneman would like to see the entire recreational trail surface sprayed for weeds, and scraped with a box scraper. He estimates that it should not cost more than \$5000.	Mr. Schuneman will present a formal budget for expenditures along the trail.
d. IDNR amendment to License Agreement 3250 ADA Sidewalk at Arduini Boat Launch	The IDNR has sent the city a proposed amendment to the license agreement. For the addition of an ADA sidewalk to be installed. There has been no other correspondence concerning the ADA boat launch to be placed in the canal	Clerk Arduini will send the amendment to the city attorney for preparation of a resolution accepting the amendment by the city council.
e. discussion of next meeting date	Committee discussed not having another meeting until Spring, but the budget needs to be submitted before February. The next meeting will also be a field trip.	The next meeting will be held on November 13th, 2014 at the red and white water tower
5. RRDA report	Clerk Arduini reported that the last RRDA meeting of the year was held last Saturday.	No action
6. Volunteerism Report	The last voluntourism event of the year will be Saturday October 11 th , 2014	No action

7. Committee member items	Tim Keller inquired about the trail under the 1 st Avenue bridge, and reported that buffalos have arrived at Nachusa grasslands	No action
	Mike Sterba reported that the Park District has acquired more land along Centennial Park	No action
7. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee the meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm	

Committee Chairman