



## City of Rock Falls Hennepin Canal Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: 11-13-2014**

**Time Meeting Started: 12:00**

**Time Meeting Ended: 12:57**

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Schuneman – Chairman	P		
John Larson	P		
Larry Spinka	A		
Mike Sterba	P		
Dave Blanton – RRDA	A	Clerk Arduini	P
Dave Hahne	A	Inspector Searing	P
Brian Tribbley	P		
Tim Keller	A		
Tim Wilson	P		
Also Attended			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at the Industrial Park Prairie Plat at 12:00 – The committee examined the trail and prairie plats. After discussion the meeting was moved to the Council Chambers	Meeting Begins at 12:00
2. Approve Minutes of the October 9th, 2014 meeting	The committee reviewed the minutes of the October 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 meeting	Minutes accepted
4. New Business: a. Discussion of next meeting date	The Committee decided to schedule the next meeting for December 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 at 12:00pm	Meeting will be posted
5. RRDA Report	Mr. Arduini reported that we recently lost a founding member of the RRDA Kent McGonigle	No action
6. Volunteerism Report	Mark Searing inquired if the Boy Scouts could help make a kiosk, and blue bird houses for installation along the prairie trail. He thought that the kiosk could be useful for plant identification, and trail maps. Tim Wilson suggested incorporating historical facts about the old railroad roundhouse.	No action
7. Committee Member Items	Mr. Searing informed the committee that he was approached by Mary Nelson from the university of Illinois Extension Service. They would like to install a program along the recreational trail called “Storybook Trails” this would involve the installation of multiple posts each containing a page from a book. Groups of children could then walk from page to page enjoying the prairie at the same time. The books would be changed regularly by the U of I. Mr. Searing also reported that the U of I’s Master Naturalist Gardeners are trying to obtain burning permits. He stated that our prairies may be good candidates for the necessary training for these permits. This may also be an opportunity for the city to have personnel trained with the supervision of EPA certified burn managers. Mr. Searing announced that ComEd will be doing tree removal this winter along their right of way. ComEd may also be able to help with seed for the prairies to be placed in this right of way. The committee will review a proposed budget at the next meeting.	

8. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee the meeting was adjourned at 12:57pm	Meeting end 12:57
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