



## City of Rock Falls Recreational Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: 1-9-14      Time Meeting Started: 4:10      Time Meeting Ended: 5:02**

Members		Also Attended	
Pam Erby (Chairperson)	A	Mike Sterba	P
Jerry Bartlett	P	Mayor Wescott	P
George Bellovics	P	Clerk Arduini	P
Dave Blanton	P	Brian Tribley	P
Art Deem	P	Tim Wilson	P
Dave Hahne	A		
Also Attended			
Pam Eggemeir Sauk Valley News	P		

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 4:10 pm by Mayor Wescott	Meeting begins at 4:10
2. Approve Minutes	No minutes were provided to approve	No action
3. Recognize Visitors	Brian Tribley Firehouse of God Ministries, Pam Eggemeir Sauk Valley Media	No Action
4. Organizations / Partners	Mayor Wescott reported that the city is working with a potential project along in the RB&W District, and that Willett Hofmann Assoc. had begun working on the green space along the riverfront.	No Action
5. Old Business	No report and Mayor Wescott recommended it be removed from the future agenda	No Action
a. Gift Brochure		
b. Master Plan Progress	The master plan which outlines many variables along the trail such as benches, and lighting will be considered when moving forward with projects.	No Action
c. Canal Annexation Progress	<p>The Mayor reported that the Hennepin Canal Committee will present an informational update at the Committee of the Whole meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014. A brochure was made about the results of the annexation survey, and it will be distributed to the people who asked for more information. The City and IDNR will be working together on the lease agreement, and the IDNR can help with the plats of the 17 parcels to be annexed. The IDNR will also be including the existing lease agreements with the City into the new lease agreement.</p> <p>Mayor Wescott reported that the city engineers finished the documents for submittal for the dredging of the boat ramp at the Arduini Boat Launch.</p>	No Action
d. Signage	No report and Mayor Wescott recommended it be removed from the future agenda	No Action
e. Phase I / Phase II	Wendler Engineering has requested a letter from the IDNR verifying that electrical, and lighting will not impact the area. It was explained that Phase I would be the creating of a base along the trail, and streets marked along Avenue A designating the trail. Phase II would be putting down a surface along the trail and installing a parking lot. Mayor Wescott explained that this may be the path for a new sewer main to upgrade the current 8" main leaving the Dog Pound lift station to a 12" Main.	No Action

6. New Business	<p>The Hennepin Canal Committee which has been an ad-hoc committee that was created for the annexation of the canal will be changed to the Hennepin Canal &amp; Recreational Trails Committee to end redundancy. The committee will have representatives from the IDNR, RRDA, and City of Rock Falls. The RRTI will be kept informed about the committee's business.</p> <p>Mr. Bellovics stated that the next RRTI meeting is January, 16<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>David Blanton reported that he has met with Dixon and Blackhawk Waterways to find ways for Sterling, Dixon, and Rock Falls to be partners in applying for grants.</p> <p>The IDNR is looking to install some new vault toilets along the canal, and the access along Route 40 may be a candidate for one. The committee also discussed the replacement of the Route 40 Bridge.</p> <p>Mayor Wescott stated that he was contacted by Mike Jacobs, and he may be able to provide funding for rebuilding the locks. The Friends of the Hennepin canal had a study done, and \$5.1 Million may be allocated to this.</p> <p>Mike Sterba from the park district announced that a Guinness Book Record is going to be attempted to be set at Nims Park on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. A person from the Basket Cases Disc Golf Club is going to play over 1310 holes in 24 hours.</p>	Recommendation to make the new Hennepin Canal & Recreational Trails Committee.
7. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm	Meeting Adjourned

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Committee Chairman