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Town Council Report for September 2017 Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:

Park Programming

- *Zionsville Parks Golf Course (ZGC)*: The gross revenues for September 2017 were our third highest for this month at ~\$29,058. And this past month was just under our number one and two Septembers which were in the low \$30,000's. Over our 9 full seasons of operation, ~\$30,329 in 2013 was our highest for this month and ~\$30,269 in 2009 was our second highest September gross. 2011 was our *lowest* season for this month with a gross of ~\$22,964. Our average gross revenue for this month over those 9 full seasons of operation has been ~\$27,813.

Other Highlighted Parks Matters

- The 5-Year Master Plan process for the entire Park System is getting underway. Over the next 6 months, this process will identify the public's desires and goals for Park and Recreation facilities and programming. It will also build in numerous opportunities for elected officials input, and other critical community stakeholders will also be invited to participate as well. This will all be merged with professional park planner's feasibility knowledge and submitted to the Zionsville Board of Park and Recreation (as required by State Law) to plot the next 5 years or so of Park Department efforts. While there will be potential to comment at each of the monthly Park Board meetings within this period, and also at least 5 separate meeting times to which specific stakeholders will be invited, the first general public comment opportunity in one of three specific, public input meeting is scheduled for the Thursday evening on the 16th of November. This first Park Plan Public Input Meeting will start at 6 PM and be held in the Community Room of the new Town Hall (Room 207 on the second floor, 1000 West Oak St).
- The Park and Recreation Superintendent has been making regular efforts to discuss trails and other park issues with his counterpart in nearby Whitestown over the last 2-3 years. Lately, these discussions have occurred almost every other month. Since much of this discussion focuses on the Big-4 Rail Trail and efforts to connect and broaden this trail's reach across Boone County and thereby increase this important economic driver's reach and impact... Just this past month a joint meeting was set where all of the communities Boone County communities along the Big-4 railroad corridor were invited. It was a great meeting of enthusiastic trail planners and much progress is already underway. For example, both Zionsville and Whitestown have only about 1 mile each to reach our joint connection point. Much depends on the willingness of adjacent property owners to participate, but hopefully the nationwide studies (including Indiana) this that adjacency to trails improves property values will assist on this.