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Town Council Report for June 2018 Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:

Park Programming

- *Zionsville Parks Golf Course:* The gross revenues for this past month were at ~\$38,491. The previous month's gross profit totals had been at an all-time high for the month of May 2018 of ~\$45,471, so this June 2018 number represents a difference of ~\$6,980. Our highest gross profits recorded for this month was in 2012 with a total of ~\$52,749. Our lowest gross profits ever recorded for this month occurred in 2015 at ~\$33,492. This is our 10th full season of operation; our average for this month of June over the seasons has been ~\$41,543.
- The course itself is looking very nice and receiving complements. All are looking forward to the long-planned and saved-for irrigation project this fall. The consultant's recommendation was to bid in late summer (Aug. or Sept.) so as to construct in the fall (likely October). Not only will some contractors not be able to hold tight figures on plastic irrigation lines for more than a month, but starting the construction in October lets us begin after our profitable league play is finished. Also by not going in the spring, we generally avoid our rainy season with its nearly yearly flooding.
- *Environmental Education and Recreational Programming:* Our regular programming in this area (including those programs more traditionally "recreational" in nature such as dog walks, etc.) saw a total of at least 1474, with our Day Camps and Nature Play Days contributing significantly in this month. In fact and while there are always monthly variations due to program types and even weather, this month's total was up about 125% from last month's numbers. And, 533 of that monthly total represent "drop-in visitors" at our Nature Center (unconnected to any particular program). So it's always nice when people also come just to enjoy our Nature Center itself, even if they aren't attending a particular program..

Other Highlighted Parks Matters

- *Maintenance Highlights- Starkey Park Stairway on Trail SP-1:* As Town Council and Park Board members likely recall, a year ago the stairway in the woods portion of Starkey Park was destroyed by a large falling tree. As the situation was assessed for insurance and likelihood of replacement, it was determined to replace with a structure similarly constructed of some form of wood. After considerable thought and research the decision was settled upon a metal structure. Structurally it would be stouter than wood and it would require less yearly maintenance than wood for a longer initial period. And barring further treefall or other such accidents (which it would be more resistant to) its overall lifespan would be longer than wood. Unfortunately the Dealer-Rep who won the contract to fabricate (including asking several local firms), had a supplier/fabricator who backed out, leaving him high and dry on ours and 3 other contracts. He offered to reimburse the engineering money already paid but we pushed back, pointing out he was under contract to provide. After some delay, he was able to locate another fabricator and the staircase has recently arrived. Our maintenance staff is planning to swing into its installation this month and first of next. We are working hard to catch up on mowing and other projects to that this special may be completed and that trail reopened to with product that will literally last decades without much beyond an occasional coat of paint.