



Presented August 6, 2018  
**Town Council Report for July 2018**  
**Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:**

***Park Programming***

- *Zionsville Parks Golf Course:* The gross revenues for this past month were at ~\$43,603. The prior month's gross profit totals had been ~\$38,491, so this July 2018 number represents a bit of increase of that earlier month's gross operating receipts (difference of ~\$5,112). This ~\$43,603 recorded for July 2018 is a few hundred higher than our average for the month throughout our 10 seasons of operation. Our highest gross profits recorded for this month was in 2012 with a total of ~\$51,443. Our lowest gross profits ever recorded for this month occurred in 2015 at ~\$31,456.
- *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 ~835. Our Day Camps and Nature Play Days contributing significantly to the prior month's totals, but even backing most of those out to make an apples to apples comparison this month that over 800 figure still is a very nice number of participants. And, 527 of this July monthly total represent "drop-in visitors" at our Nature Center (unconnected to any particular program). This is almost exactly the same number as last month's drop-in visitors. This shows the nature center itself is drawing 1000's of people per year, independent of the particular program offerings. 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. It shows our Park Naturalist has the center looking great and serving its function as self-contained educational and entertaining stop.
- And of course while our main goal is not to make tons of money, our Summer Daycamp program not only covered its own direct operational and staffing costs it did clear ~\$3,814 beyond its direct operating expenses. These moneys will help support other programming for which our Park Naturalist and the Department hope to never have to a fee for (or at least have participants pay fully... like the Tails on the Trails pet walk program).

***Other Highlighted Parks Matters***

- *General Park Maintenance:* Just a small selection of some of this month's maintenance through the system
  - Elm Street Green:
    - The electrical issue with the fountain was finally discovered, the fountain is up and running. After three different electricians we finally found problem to be in the wiring that runs from the fuse panel to the junction box. This was a step or two back from the run that powers the pump.
  - Starkey Park:
    - Interior trails mowed.
  - Mulberry Fields:
    - Wood railing replaced at the top of the sledding hill. Did not look to be intentional damage from a person.
  - Big-4 Rail Trail:
    - Mowing and trimming back of woody vegetation along the trail.
  - Lincoln Park:
    - Fountain fixed after vandalism. Breaking "kicking" off of the metal fountain pieces.
  - Turkey Foot:
    - Replacement of dog station after damage had occurred.
    - Removal and treatment of Bush Honeysuckle by parking lot.
  - Zion Nature Sanctuary:
    - Vandalism occurred in the outdoor class room along with a couple trees and the old dam. Our crews covered the graffiti and replaced painted signs. Costing the department eight staff-hours.
  - Creekside:
    - Removal of tree that had been struck by lightning and fallen on a neighboring fence. Currently awaiting a tree Company to remove the trunk.
  - Miscellaneous:
    - Trimmed woody vegetation back from sidewalk at the wetland parking area.
    - Uses of the side mount mower and tractor to mow areas in various parks.