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**Town Council Report for August 2018**  
**Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:**

### **Park Programming**

- *Zionsville Parks Golf Course:* The gross revenues for this past month were ~\$39,150. The prior month's gross profit totals had been ~\$39,150, so this August 2018 number represents some *decrease* of that earlier month's gross operating receipts (difference of ~\$4,453). This ~\$39,150 recorded for July 2018 is about \$2,400 lower than our average for the same month throughout our 10 seasons of operation. Our highest gross profits recorded for this month was in 2009 with a total of ~\$48,130. Our lowest gross profits ever recorded for this month occurred in 2016 at ~\$30,249 (with an average of ~\$41,579).
- *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 714 participants/visitors. This number includes the 321 visitors to the yearly environmental program we host in cooperation with the Streets and Stormwater Dept... CreekFest, and most of those people participated in environmental programming at the festival and also stopped by our booth as well. Of additional note, 190 of this month's totals represent "drop-in visitors" at our Nature Center (unconnected to any particular program).

### **Other Highlighted Parks Matters**

- *General Park Maintenance:* Just a small selection of some of this month's maintenance within our parks...

#### **Lincoln Park:**

- Our regular seasonal weed control on all turf areas.

#### **Turkey Foot:**

- Pieces of the bridge-approach on the far side of Eagle Creek were attacked by termites. While we had a board or two left, our old source for the specially-sized replacement wood is no longer available and we needed a few pieces more. We did find a saw mill in northern Indiana to saw the lumber and an order has been placed, but production will take 8 weeks. We are in the process of a temporary fix until new decking arrives.

#### **Elm Street Green:**

- Partially in preparation for Creekfest, the maintenance staff completed 96 staff hours of work weeding and pruning the beds. We also pruned dead out of bushes and removed two trees that will need to be replaced as part of our yearly fall tree replacement.
- 40 new Prairie Drop Seed plants installed in the park.
- New mulch put down in select locations. The entire beds will be part of spring and re-mulch the whole park. We do most formal landscape beds every other year or sometimes every year in certain situations.
- The kayak launch was cleaned and pressure washed. Sediment from the stream-flooding leaves a layer of dirt that periodically needs to be cleaned off.
- The wood bollards around the circle started to decay. The design makes it tricky for replacement. The maintenance staff, cleaned, stained, sealed, and placed copper caps on them to help prolong the life.
- The upper turf area received its fall treatment for broadleaf weeds as was scheduled late this spring. Some patches of browning have occurred. It will be over seeded here in Sept. once the temperatures allow for sufficient seed germination.

#### **Creekside Corporate Park:**

- A standing (live) trunk that could of potentially fallen on neighboring fence (as requested).

#### **American Legion Trail Crossing:**

- Completed weed control on all turf areas.
- In irrigation ground box was destroyed by one of the utility contractors. An irrigation contractor has been notified to fix it, along with an inspection of the valves in the box.