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

Park Programming

- *Zionsville Parks Golf Course:* The gross revenues for this past month were ~\$24,289. This amount is the second lowest in the time the Town has owned the course. Our average for this same month throughout our 10 seasons of operation is ~\$27,555. Our highest gross profits recorded for this month was in 2013 with a total of ~\$30,329. Our lowest gross profits ever recorded for this month occurred in 2011 at ~\$22,964 (with an average of ~\$27,555 over the 10 full seasons). In analyzing the figures more closely it can be seen that the course had to be closed for 6 full days due to weather (rain and some ponding of water) and on those days generated no gross income at all. In addition those six days were in two separate blocks of time. And for each of those blocks the day before the closures each only generated about ~\$100 of gross income (each). Plus there were two other days beyond this that had generated less than ~\$500 as well. So taken in total that is 10 closed or very poor weather days, so 1/3rd of the month. We also had some extremely hot days. All told, we had 10 days where the gross revenues were at \$1,000 and above (around \$1,000-1200 we characterize that as an “ok day”.... \$1,300-1,600 A “good day” and upwards of \$1,700 up into the low \$2,000’s we call a “great day”. We did have two days this past month that were above \$2,000.
- *Environmental Education and Recreational Programming:* Because the finish of the month was just yesterday (Sunday) and because our Park Naturalist’s normal “work week” is Tuesday-Saturday... She has not been able to tabulate and get her monthly report to us yet by the deadline of sending this report to the Deputy Mayor for distribution to Town Council. If any of the Town Council are especially interested, they could let the Park Department Superintendent know and they could be updated on specific numbers and programs when the Park Naturalist’s monthly report arrives.

Other Highlighted Parks Matters

- *Fiber Optic Burial along the Big-4 Rail Trail:* While this important project to run fiber from Town Hall to the Waste Treatment plant was not a Town Park Project, it did affect park users for several days. Now the burial and connection appear to be complete, the only thing left is considerable regrading and seeding/stabilization of the disturbed areas along the pavement. For example the whole outside of the curve near the Town Hall Plaza area has a 1-foot tall mound of soil right on the trail edge through nearly the entire outside of curve over towards the nearby church. If not graded back away from the trail this will trap water and snowmelt on the trail itself and cause it to speed its way down along the trail edge probably eroding that asphalt’s support over time.