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

Park Programming

- *Zionsville Parks Golf Course:* The gross revenues for this past month were ~\$12,095. This amount is the lowest for the month of October in the time the Town has owned the course. Our highest gross profits recorded for this month was in 2017 with a total of ~\$18,649. Our second lowest gross profits ever recorded for this month (after this year's) occurred in 2009 at ~\$12,565. And our average for this same month throughout our 10 seasons of operation is ~\$15,381. In analyzing the figures more closely it can be seen that the course had to be closed for 3 full days due to weather (rain, typically). Also there were 19 days where our gross revenues were less than \$500. Of those 19 days, 5 generated less than \$150 in gross revenues and 3 were of those 5 were actually less than \$100.

Part of the reason we had several low days is due to decreasing available daylight limiting play. Also, in addition to actual rain days, temperatures start to affect play at this time of year. This is both due to colder temps keeping our clientele away, plus at least some hours of frost in the morning shortened our available hours for a day (have to stay off greens with frost on them). It is important to note that even on the 5 days we staffed the pro shop fully from dawn to dusk. That would have only "lost" us approximately \$500-\$750. And that is easily made up on other days, even if it only using several of the ones where we might have generated only between \$300-\$500 in gross revenues.

- *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 1616 participants/visitors. Of additional note, 530 of this month's totals represent "drop-in visitors" at our Nature Center (unconnected to any particular program). And of that last number, 70 received one of our "canned" programs we have ready for impromptu drop-ins.

Other Highlighted Parks Matters

- *Zionsville Golf Course Irrigation Project:* Per the consultant's recommendation, this project was bid for a fall construction, in part because of... the likely drier conditions across the low areas, the golf season winding down, and our leagues themselves finishing. The lowest responsible and responsive bidder was a firm that completes such projects all over the country. They had 10 courses listed in the last two years as refernces (instead of the 6 requested in the bid). Their equipment was delivered after their jobs finished in Montana and in Georgia. And their project supervisor just completed a 3000 head job across a multiple-course country-club. We have about 200 heads. Given the recommendation by our profession design consultant, we expect a high quality system with an extremely competent installation. Irrigation piping itself is being delivered as this report is prepared and actual installation will likely be starting the same week as the Town Council meeting.
- *Starkey Park Stair Project:* Council members may recall the original plan was to tackle this installation with our own park staff. But after further review, we were warned off that approach. So per instruction, the services of a full-time construction company were engaged. As of the preparation of this report, the site of the damaged stairs has had access cleared through the trees for construction equipment, several blocking old treads removed at key locations, and the 16, five-foot deep by 18-inch dia. footers formed up. This took about 1.5 weeks for the contractor's crew. Then over the next 4 work days, the 16 footers were poured and now are curing. At the time of the preparation of this report, staff is working with the contractor on getting the stairway components from their current location to the job site. Onsite fabrication of the individual stairway components should begin the week of the Council meeting itself.