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STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT ZIONSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2008

1. 106TH ST. REALIGNMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION

Bennett Parkway will remain closed until the contractor completes a storm sewer segment under the existing intersection, which is expected to commence later this week, weather depending. Once this is complete, Bennett Parkway will reopen for the winter and the project will slow during the winter months.

2. STREETSCAPE TREE PLANTINGS AND MAINTENANCE

This year's streetscape program is complete (with the exception of a single tree yet to be planted) and includes the planting of 112 new and replacement trees of 23 different species in various areas around town. Approximately 85 of the trees were in new locations, with the balance replacing trees that were removed due to damage or general health. This represents approximately \$29,000 invested in community aesthetics.

In-house personnel performed maintenance pruning on 15 trees and removed two dead trees, and an additional 10 trees are scheduled for removal by a contractor yet this year. Additionally, once a year volunteers from PZAZ work with the Street Department staff and walk the village area to perform additional as-needed trimming.

3. 2008 PAVING PROGRAM

The project is complete and under budget.

4. LEAF COLLECTION

Due to recent winter weather, leaf collection has been temporarily suspended. It is currently planned to perform one more sweep through the town on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, after which time leaf collection will be over for this season.

5. NPDES ACTIVITIES

The stormwater committee held its first meeting last week on November 24th. The purpose of this committee is to assist staff in the preparation of a future recommendation to the Town Council specific to the creation of a stormwater utility. This committee is next scheduled to meet on December 15th, and will continue to meet as necessary to accomplish its task. A presentation to the Town Council will occur in 2009, at which time the Council may deliberate the findings and recommendations of the committee and choose whether or not to establish a stormwater utility to fund Zionsville's stormwater program and possible capital projects. The initial meeting generated much discussion, but mostly requests for background information. This information will be provided, and once the committee focuses on specifics, a public education campaign will follow. Updates of the meetings will be posted on the Town's web site.

6. DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT

Preliminary design is nearly complete on this project. No major changes have occurred since the initial conception, but staff will schedule at least one more meeting with the Zionsville Merchants' Association to present the design as currently contemplated. Construction is currently scheduled to begin this spring, but a definitive duration of the job has not yet been set by the design engineers.