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**Town Council Report for March 2019**  
**Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:**

***Park Programming***

- *Zionsville Parks Golf Course:* The gross revenues for this past month were ~\$4,056. This amount is the second lowest in the time the Town has owned the course. Our average for this same month throughout our 11 seasons of operation is ~\$6,310, so we are a little under that. March is a bit chancy with weather as in our 11 seasons of public operation we have had three seasons with grosses above \$10,000 and five seasons ending up with March gross profits below \$4,000. Our highest gross profits recorded for this month was in 2012 with a total of ~\$18,037. Our lowest gross profits ever recorded for this month occurred in 2018 at ~\$450. In looking in more detail, we only had four days of open play this month. But as is normal in the early season, players also came into buy their season passes and that helps boost the income in a month of challenging weather.
- *Environmental Education and Recreational Programming:* Our regular programming in this area saw a total of 1496 participants, up over a thousand visitors than the month before. When we have visitors who just swing by our staff often give a short, impromptu “mini-program”, and 181 of this previously reported number of drops-ins were able to receive this added benefit to their visit. As an additional note Park Naturalist, Mindy Murdock reports our park programming and our Day Camps are already full in most sessions. As usual at this juncture, 3 or 4 of the oldest children camps are not filled yet. While some of these might not completely fill, all have enough that these few camp sessions can proceed with a decent sized group.

***Other Highlighted Parks Matters***

- *Starkey Park: Trail SP-1 Stairs:* Early in March, in a snowfall, the metal stairways were finished by the local installing contractor and the site was then opened up to the public. Generally getting good responses. Two have mentioned their dogs are concerned about the open-looking treads, but one of those related it still by far the best solution to the challenge.

The Park Board will also be considering an engineering firm in their April meeting. This firm will be to work on the design of a second, similar metal set of Stairs under the powerlines along Trail SP-3. Because that is the electric company's; utility easement those will have stamped engineered drawings for perusal by the powerline company.

- *Park Board Upcoming Decisions:* While this is technically looking forward to Aril and beyond, and the Town Council are already aware of these projects having head about them in the budget preparation process last year... we thought you might be interested to know that in addition to the new Stair project mentioned above, the Park Board also anticipates authorizing a consultant to move forward on a project looking at the feasibility of multifunctional use of our two tennis courts. They want to get this settled this year prior to next year's projected resurfacing project.

Similarly in this year's efforts, the Board anticipates at their April meeting moving ahead with selection of a consultant firm to prepare construction and bid documents for those two projects already discussed with the Town Council last year... those being the replacement our Park Department's tot-lot in the northern portion of Lions Park and long-planned, small adventure play area near the lower shelter in Elm Street Green (planned as part of the original conceptualization process).