



Presented May 6, 2019  
**Town Council Report for April 2019**  
**Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:**

### ***Park Programming***

- *Zionsville Parks Golf Course:* The gross revenues for this past month were ~\$18,440. This amount is the very close to the middle of the range in the 11 season time the Town has owned the course and the Park Department has run it. Our average for this same month throughout our 11 seasons of operation is ~\$18,699, so we are just a few hundred under this average. April can be challenging with three as in our 11 seasons of public operation we have had four seasons with grosses above \$20,000 and three seasons ending up with gross profits below \$15,000. Our highest gross profits recorded for this month was in 2012 with a total of ~\$28,974. Our lowest gross profits ever recorded for this month occurred in 2013 at ~\$9,262. In looking in more detail, we had eight days where we were closed due to weather this month and generated no income those days. In addition we had 12 more days where we generated gross income of under \$200 (we generally consider around \$500 an “ok” day, and \$1000 and up in gross receipts a “good day”). But as is normal in the early season, we also had players who came into buy their season passes and that helps boost the income in a month of challenging weather.

### ***Maintenance Matters***

- *Spring Efforts:* A brief listing of just a few of the items that are part of gearing up in the Spring
  - a) Water turned on in restrooms and in various irrigation systems.
  - b) Most beds have received their spring mulching.
  - c) Many Tree Rings mulched. Mulberry Fields Park is prime example.
  - d) Spring maintenance on equipment is being completed.
  - e) Started mowing where it's not too wet to get into.
  - f) Garden plots should be cultivated as soon as they dry just a bit more.

### ***Other Highlighted Parks Matters***

- *Golf Course Irrigation Project:* The new system is tied into the existing well as planned and is functional. The well driller continues to feel it is too wet for the second well to be drilled yet. This will be achieved more in the summer but it is not seriously hampering our daily operation (merely how many zones we could water at once and also to have some back redundancy ready to hand).
- *Starkey Park: Trail SP-3 Stairs:* Park Board has selected the engineering firm to work developing the type of documents the power company will want to review and that the project needs. And the firm has begun their work. As part of this start-up effort, we are now hearing that the company that miss-fabricated the original treads on the other stairs is now saying that they will not fabricate strings to match those wider treads and seem to be trying to force us to throw away their mistakenly fabricated treads rather than save money by using them in this second stairway application. We are pushing back on them and also exploring the option of if other fabricators might be willing to not waste these new treads (that couldn't be used on the first project).
- *Black Snake Facebook Post on Town Site:* A thrilled trail user visiting one of our parks snapped a photo of a large Rat Snake sunning itself in a tree, probably at least 6 feet in length. And our Park Naturalist posted this on the Town's FB site. In just one week it has reached over 83,000 FB peeps. While most of the traffic has been Facebook generated, it's also been picked up by more traditional media coverage across the country, including some TV and radio stations. The vast majority of FB reactions show most have liked or loved it, about 1-2% decidedly not so. We have been seeing what we think is this same beauty in the same general area on and off for almost a decade. Of course if it is the same one it's bigger now (first seen at about 4 feet). But still "hanging around" the same area.