



Presented June 3, 2019
Town Council Report for May 2019
Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:

Park Programming

- *Zion Nature Center:* The Nature Center and other environmental programs out in the parks had over 200 participants this past month. Also there were 27, self-directed Nature Center walk-ins (although it's possible that a few of these were also program visitors that then toured the facility on their own).

One of the programs, *Mommy and Me*, filled within 2 minutes of it opening up. And a second offering added immediately after had almost 2/3rds of the original booked program. It was noted by our Park Naturalist the Town's online system had trouble keeping up with this level of volume and therefore it's her strong recommendation that our day camps then still should remain in-person registration.

- *Nature Play Days:* While this is a State-wide program, and not a program started by our Park system, Zionsville as a whole has certainly embraced it. In addition to our own park programs, other partners (such as the Zionsville Fire Department) have chosen to provide their own offerings for the Nature Play span of time. All told and thanks to both our partners' program offerings and our own, there are 19 Nature Play Day Programs available in Zionsville.
- *Zionsville Parks Golf Course:* The course gross revenues hadn't been completely tabulated by the deadline of this report as the period ended yesterday and there was a small quirk with the register process over the weekend. At this time nothing that should affect anything in a serious way but we want to make sure we report verifiable figures. Certainly all the rain wet conditions have been cutting into the amount of play so we expect numbers to be down. If any Town Councilors want the final numbers they could just call the Park Department a bit later.

Maintenance Matters

- *Spring Efforts:* A brief listing of just a few of the items that are part of gearing up in the Spring
 - a) Splash Pad de-winterized and active for its traditional season of Memorial Day Weekend –Labor Day Weekend (inclusive)
 - b) Lincoln Park and its fountain is being brought on line this past week and today. The park received compliments from recent visitors from two weeks ago (even before these efforts).

Other Highlighted Parks Matters

- *Garden Plots:* Just a note to keep the Council informed. With all the rains, including over 3 inches last week. The plots are too wet to utilize. In fact they were walked twice last week and again this morning before the report was prepared. Last week was standing water in many places we were sinking halfway to ankles to ankle deep in almost all places. Today there are still puddles in some plots more than an inch deep. We had them cultivated 2.5 weeks ago just to try and dry them more rapidly but that night was the storm that dropped the trees and lots of rain around town. Had that cultivation not taken place we could be even wetter than we are now. We have been keeping people informed by the email address they have given us.