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

***Park Programming***

- *Zionsville Parks Golf Course:* The gross revenues for this past month were a bit over ~\$44,097. And our average for this month over eleven seasons of operation falls at ~\$41,808. This was the third highest gross for the month in eleven seasons under Town ownership and Park Department management. Our average for this same month throughout our eleven seasons of operation calculates to ~\$41,808. In terms of historical averages, August is usually our second highest grossing month for most seasons (after July). Our highest gross profits recorded for this month was in 2009 with a total of ~\$48,130 and our second highest totaled ~\$46,265 in 2013. Our lowest gross profits ever recorded for this month occurred in 2016 at ~\$30,249 and in 2017 the month of August was out our second lowest at ~\$37,745.
- *Environmental Programming:* Our park programs and facilities hosted over 384 participants this last month that enjoyed attending our programs. In addition, the Nature Center itself hosted a further for 390 drop-in visitors unrelated to any programming. This second number is valuable in that it shows the center and its exhibits itself is an attraction in itself, and not only just a location to hold programs. And with some of those drop-ins, we were able to provide with impromptu programming, totaling 154 of 904 walk-ins (so about 39%).

***Other Highlighted Parks Matters***

- *Park Projects Highlights:* While certainly even a partial listing of activities could take more than a page by itself, it might make for dry reading. Here are just a few highlights among several...

--We are currently in engineering design on the stairway along Starkey Park Trail SP-3 (in the Prairie Wildflower planting). Because this is in a powerline easement predating Town's Ownership, we must run the plans past the power company before we can get numbers on fabrication/construction. But it is already underway this summer.

--The Park Board has selected a consultant who is busily preparing construction documents for the replacement of the Zionsville Parks TotLot on land owned by the Department adjacent to and nestled near Lions Park' north end.

--Similarly the Park Board and Department are in process on the long –planned, small adventure play area at Elm Street Green. This has always been in place in the design plans from the very first conceptual drawings for the park. But now is the right time economically to make it happen. While this project will need approval of the DNR's Division of Water, as long as that process allows (underway now), the plan is to bid both concurrently to hopefully generate some economies of scale.

--The Park Board had authorized Overley-Worman Park's full design, construction, and bidding documents for most of the conceptual phases 1-4. Funding plans are being implemented by the Town's Elected Officials and the Park Board to begin construction of this project late next year (basically hard on the heels of completion of this design and bidding phase).

--The Park Board has selected an engineering firm in a competitive process to prepare typical cross-sections for Golf Cart paths. Those same engineering firms mirrored Street Superintendent Lance Lantz's advice to not attempt to construct this in the spring if at all possible. And in fact, they stated that this spring was so bad that even dryer sites (which ours is not), are backed-up into this fall's construction season. These are larger, INDOT-type projects that asphaltting constrictors are scurrying to get done this fall and these may impact the numbers we see in this fall's planned bid/quote.