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## **Town Council Report: September, 2011 Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:**

### *Park Design Process*

- Regarding the ~10-acre parcel at 400S and 875E, the consultants have been refining the two sketches developed for the evening of the charette and merging them with some of those additional comments into one draft document. This is anticipated to be presented to the Park Board at their October meeting for their review and perhaps additional tweaks. Since this is the park site that has been awarded the \$200,000 reimbursement grant, after the October meeting the Park Board may chose to move into construction documentation preparation so that construction could be bid and begin sometime next year.

### *Zionsville Parks Golf Course*

- The September 2011 gross operating profit for ZGC was ~\$22,964. This is down (about \$4,228) from the September 2010 gross operating profit of ~\$27,192. In terms of play on the course, we traditionally see a significant drop in the fall. Of course the course still needs maintenance such as mowing and aeration to keep it up and ready for play this year and next. And this year's flooding, followed by poor weather, provided additional early-season challenges and negative fiscal impact on the operations.

### *Other Highlighted Matters*

- The final required permits were recently received from the DNR for the repair of the trail at Creekside Park (under the 334 bridge and the smaller area. Once we knew the construction requirements required in the DNR permit, we had met with a contractor onsite and got final cost information within a week. The repair work is already underway. Thanks to Street Superintendent Lance Lantz for providing technical advice regarding the various potential approaches to the repair work.
- The Wayfinding/Safety project is moving along. Mid last week the Consultants delivered the final draft (95% complete) signage for Starkey Park. We are reviewing the bid packet with them and anticipate the packet going out to the recommended signage fabricators this month. We have discussed the technical potentials of the Street Department's hydraulic sign post driver to assist in some of the more accessible areas. Installation is scheduled to start right after fabrication.
- The Laurel Ave. Rail-Trail connection and area improvements (e.g. connection from Laurel and improve route up from Nancy Burton Parking lot) had been included with the Town's 2011 asphaltting projects. It is anticipated the Town will be signing those contracts this week and that the Contractor will complete the entirety of the contract (including the park portion) within 60 days.
- Indianapolis Power & Light Company completed their initial spraying of woody material within the park portions of their easement. This should be mid September. It will be followed in key areas (like the Starkey Park portion of the easement) by a mechanical clearing of the area. The terms of the easement which was in place on the property when we received it allow them to clear the corridor. This Starkey Park area is where we will be using the donated funds to implement the prairie restoration area.