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Town Council Report for August 2013 Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:

Zionsville Parks Golf Course (ZGC)

- August 2013 was our second highest reported gross operating profits ever recorded for the month at ~\$46,260, slightly over last year's August numbers of ~\$45,674. The highest gross operating profits we have ever recorded for August was in 2009 at ~\$48,130. Judging by 2011's and 2010's numbers for August, we tend to usually run closer to ~\$39,927 to ~\$42,169 so a "normal year" might average closer to ~\$40,000

Events/Activities in the Parks

- In cooperation with local angler, Todd Settle, the Parks Department and the Street/Stormwater Department are working to do a Zionsville Eagle Creek Stream Cleanup on Saturday morning September 14th. The target area is the low-hanging fruit of Elm Street Green Park to Creekside Park as the access is relatively easy and the stream is fairly free of major debris. We are getting various groups of volunteers who are all required to sign waivers and we have access permission slips from all the property owners along that stretch. Todd Settle, Gavin Merriman, and I have been working to get everything set and will each be present that Saturday on different points of the waterway.
- Also Mulberry Fields Park, ZYFL is now playing football on most Saturdays through early October and also some Tuesday and Thursday evenings. As the sunset gets earlier they will also be shifting to having the sports lighting on out there as well.
- The early August cooperative effort between the Central Indiana Bicycling Association (CIBA) and the Park Department, at Mulberry Fields Park went well, even with the wet pavement from pre-dawn rains. Approximately 75 riders participated at this joint venture.

Heritage Trail Park (HTP)

- Paved surfaces are in place, including basketball court, Rail-Trail extension, Parking area and internal trails. However, the seeding will take place a little farther into the fall in the appropriate window. The Park Board is considering the potential of a "soft opening" now with a formal ribbon cutting next spring when the seed will be nicely germinated.
- Main Shelter is up and play equipment is in, most all the hardscape is complete. Preliminary punch list should be initiated within the next week (excepting seeded/planted material for the reasons as discussed above)

Other Highlighted Matters

- The Indianapolis Business Journal has interviewed Council President Papa, various other community elected Officials, and various professional staff such as myself, regarding the value and economic benefits of paved trails. We are told it may be multiple more articles.