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## **Town Council Report: February, 2013 Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:**

### *Zionsville Parks Golf Course (ZGC)*

- Weather permitting; the 2013 golf season is scheduled start March 15<sup>th</sup> (running through Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>). Skelton-crew of staff have been in through the winter sharpening and balancing all the reel mowers, checking fluid level sin the carts, and generally performing all the usual maintenance cycles for getting ready for another season. The frost definitely has to be completely out of the ground though; which right now, seems hard to imagine in only two weeks' time.
- Due to a change in how Health Dept. staff is now interpreting the law regarding sinks, we have been required to add sinks out at the pro-shop. As part of that process, Mike Maguire our Manager for the facility, had the back cabinetry where the existing sink set changed out, since the new, multiple basin sink needs more space (and supporting infrastructure) to accommodate them. They also added a bit of upgrades for the golfers in the pro-shop.

### *Supplemental Funding Efforts*

- The DNR's Lake & River Enhancement (LARE) program staff have been out and visiting the previously mentioned logjam. The logjam situation has been addressed to their satisfaction (they like leaving as much bank material as they can to help with habitat.
- We have now applied for a 2013 LARE grant for stream bank stabilization assistance at Starkey Park. Based on meetings on site with LARE and several discussions with them this will be (by LARE's recommendation/request) for engineering work to identify the treatment design (and rough cost estimates) for the largest of the major bank stabilization potentials out on site. When we talked to the LARE staff we were able to gently push this project so we could at least start this preliminary application this year rather than their original next year.
- The first pass through on Non-native removal along the Rail Trail (approximately 10 acres) as a part 2013 Urban Forestry (UF) Grant, has been completed. There will be a follow-up inspection/treatment of re-sprouts later in the the year as part of the basic package. This has some grant supplemental assistance, but represents a reduction of literally tons of primarily a large amount of the invasive Asian bush Honeysuckle.

### *Other Highlighted Matters*

- Heritage Trail Park Rebid was completed with 8 bidders. Brandt Construction was the successful bidder. More on thais next month as we get the Contractors out on site and started