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Town Council Report: January, 2012 Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:

Zionsville Parks Golf Course

- Per budget discussions with the Park Board and the Town Council, the Zionsville Golf Course is preparing to replace much of their cart fleet in early 2012. The 10+ year-old original fleet came when the Town bought the course. Three quotes were gotten from three different cart manufacturers/vendors. Several experts indicated we were right on target, as these are the three cart manufacturers to be considering. The quotes were extremely tight with about 1% being the range between the lowest to the highest once the trade-in allotments are considered. The total costs for acquisition also appear to have come in under estimate as well although some of that was due to the trade-ins garnering more value than we had researched. Golf Course and Park Staff are reviewing the final details of the proposals for the recommendation to the Park Board. On other matters, as the final numbers are verified by the Clerk-Treasurer's office we will be able to report on the final net operating profit for the year at the golf course. As previously discussed with the Council it will be less than previous years due to the flooding and the weather, but still several thousands of dollars.

Park Board Action on New Park 875 E and 400S

- At their January Meeting, the Park Board contracted a consultant team to prepare construction/bidding documentation in 2012. This Phase-1 documentation should be completed in 2012 and could then be bid if that is the choice.

Other Highlighted Matters

- We have been in contact/discussions with three different Eagle Scouts about a variety of potential projects across our system. This is fairly typical and sometimes possibilities pan out and other times they do not. These projects are at various points in the "Scout-submission Timeline".
- Several trails are being closed prior to the Wafinding/Safety signage installation at Starkey Park scheduled in late Feb/early March. More will be discussed in next couple of reports as this project finalizes.
- We have had some discussions about potential outside sponsorship of the Lincoln Park Concert series and hope to have that become a reality this year to assist in the Chamber of Commerce's funding of that program held in our beautiful park.
- While you will likely hear more about this as the time approaches, please mark your calendars for the second annual NatureFest fundraiser (3/1 at 1-5pm) and the 6th annual Z'GreenFest (April 22nd). Our park staff out at the Nature Center along with the Friends of Zion Nature Center and other community volunteers work hard to bring these events to the community.