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Town Council Report: July, 2010 Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:

Weather Related

- As the rains continue we have performed our annual mosquito treatments along the rail trail side ditches and in selected other park areas. For those not aware this is a low impact treatment that effects the larvae in the water and is purportedly very specifically targeted. The treatment this year was slightly delayed as we don't like to apply the material and have it all wash out of the pools of standing water which are our target zones. June was very big on flushing out puddles and turning them into full fledged streams, even if only temporarily. While we don't advertize this treatment very much, at least 2 or 3 times a year we get people who tell us we should "do something" about the mosquitoes. While it is impossible to completely eradicate them and gone are the days of aerial spraying from above, they usually are pleased to find some efforts are being made.

Park Improvement/Construction Projects Updates

- Elm Street Green Park's development is now officially behind by at least 5 weeks due to all the rain over the last several months. The contractor continues to work and rarely misses a whole day but loses portions of several days so it can add up. Even with this though progress continues to be made. Observers can see that the two concrete shelter pads have received their control joints, also much of the sidewalks are in place including the much requested piece paralleling Elm Street itself. Also the permeable pavers in parking area along Elm Street are in place. These will help filter and clean stormwater before it enters the stream.
- The Turkey Foot Project is also slowed by the weather. The wooded area doesn't receive much sunlight or breeze at the ground level to help it dry out more quickly. With a couple weeks some good dry weather expect activity in this area to really pick up

Other Highlighted Matters

- The Chamber of Commerce's Lincoln Park Concert Series finished it yearly cooperative program in our park. The final concert of the season was this past July 28th. Many thanks to them for putting on this great program in our park.
- The Zionsville Park's Golf Course gross profit numbers for July were not ready at the time of the preparation of this report as the month was not yet completed.