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Town Council Report: July, 2011
Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:

Zionsville Parks Golf Course

- The July 2011 gross operating profit for ZGC was ~\$45,871. This is up over \$5,000 from the June 2011 gross operating profit. Also, in 2010, the July gross operating figure was ~\$45,635, so we were slightly higher in 2011 than the same month in 2010. In both July of 2011 and 2010, there were no course closures due to weather, but the latter half of each month in both years did show some extreme heat, particularly this year. At some point hot weather does degrade attendance.

Other Recreation

- The Chamber's Lincoln Park Summer Concert Series finished a successful run of Wednesdays in June and July. This event brings hundreds people into our park through the season and on several concerts this summer we observed crowds around 150-200.

Other Highlighted Matters

- With some loan of heavier equipment and some manpower to operate it from the Street & Stormwater Department, we were able to replenish crushed aggregate on the entire south end of the rail-trail. This is something that is required every so often on aggregate trails and was last fully done over this section in 2004. It was felt the best time to redo this was before construction of the Laurel Street Rail-Trail connection temporarily blocked off the usual access point to the trail. Thanks to the Street Department for assisting our maintenance staff on this several-day project.
- We have reduced the irrigation usage within our parks to a minimum in response to the request for voluntary reduction in water usage from Indianapolis Water Company. However areas of new sod such as the small area at Elm Street Green still needs water for establishment or it would need replacement. The Park Board has not turned off the splash pad at this time as many citizens are still calling us asking us to leave it available for their use. We are told that most communities are maintaining their pools and splashpads in operation in order to service their residents in this time of heat.
- As a part of the Town's usual mid-year transfer process, and per earlier discussion and agreement, Parks is shifting money within their budget to a new capital line-item to assist the Fire Department on their earlier purchase of the new safety/support ATV. Per the Fire Department's request, \$10,000 will be billed through the August Park Board meeting to reimburse the Volunteer Fire Dept Funds that were used earlier. By waiting to mid-year we were able to determine we could shift the funds from within our own budget rather than asking the Town Council for an additional appropriation in order to assist the Fire Department in their goal.