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Town Council Report: July, 2013 Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:

Zionsville Parks Golf Course (ZGC)

- July 2013 was our second highest reported gross operating profits ever recorded for the month at ~\$48,385. The highest gross operating profits we have ever recorded for July was last year's ~\$51,433.29. Judging by 2011 and 2010's numbers for July, we tend to usually run closer to an average of around ~\$45,700 (or even lower if we factor in 2009's figures). So both 2012 and 13 were at a higher level than normal for the month. Also, so far in both June and July our 2013 gross operating numbers for each of the two months are only about \$1000-\$1500 off of 2012's record setting year.
- Of course, with the severe flooding of 2013, our expenses are higher than just the normal course maintenance and operational levels. While our overall course fund shows healthy levels, when looking at just the yearly 2013 numbers only the course was just starting to make more money for the year than its operation had been taking. Again this is certainly an effect of the flooding as the course' yearly cash flow usually goes positive in May (rather than June).
- As with all the agencies in Boone County (and other Counties), we were afforded the opportunity to submit requests to the State's Disaster Relief Fund in relation to the April flood. When running the overall numbers in comparison to their category requirements, it appeared to be feasible that we may get some reimbursement for some course flood expenses. This is by no means a sure thing, but we have submitted the request and the volume of supporting documentation required. Once the State would define the individual components as qualifying the reimbursement rate usually works out to be around 40-45% on the dollar of approved expense. We probably won't know until near the end of the year as to the final disposition of the application.

Events/Activities in the Parks

- The Lincoln Park Concert Series, has concluded with most concerts reported having attendance in the 100's. The Lincoln Park Concert Committee (a sub group of the Cultural District Committee), really worked hard to get the work out word out and it paid off. A recreation grant from the Park Board to the Committee was used primarily used to purchase new chairs for the concert-goers. This long-running program has touched many lives here in Town and this year has been a fantastic continuation of that tradition.
- As a cooperative effort between the Central Indiana Bicycling Association (CIBA) and the Park Department, a Saturday morning ride at 8am August 3rd, will be hosted out of Mulberry Fields Park. The 100 to 150 expected riders will split themselves among 3, twenty to twenty-five mile loops, with each loop returning to the Park. Riders may complete one to three loops in any combination and order, with the park serving as central stop for refueling (and restrooms, if needed). CIBA is providing all the food and we assist with the location and some staff-time. One of the advantages of this type of course-setup is the each of the courses fairly quickly separate their route from the others and this dilutes the riding numbers on any one loop. And of course the natural speed of the riders further strings them out, especially among those that may come back and go out on a different loop.

- Also at our Mulberry Fields Park, ZYFL is starting up their fall football season with their traditional Jamboree on August 10th with league play to follow in the weeks and months that follows. We will keep you posted as to more specific numbers as we get them.

Heritage Trail Park (HTP)

- Construction continues with the bio-basin plantings nearly complete at the time of this report preparation. Main shelter is being constructed as well as the playground for the 2-5 year-olds.

Other Highlighted Matters

- The Mulberry Fields Splashpad went operational in July in time for a spell of higher temperatures. We are withholding a small retainer until fall when we will release it to the company upon the successful germination of some seeding (as July isn't a good time to grow turf).
- Currently two Eagle Scout projects are underway in various stages of progress on their part. A third is exploring opportunities we have discussed with them for a potential fit.