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

Zionsville Parks Golf Course (ZGC)

- June 2013 was a very good month, our second highest reported gross operating profits ever. The gross operating profits for the past month of June were at ~\$48,520. This is down from our best June ever in 2012 at ~\$52,751, but higher than any of the Junes in 2009, 2010, and 2011 (which were ~\$44,515, \$37,750, and \$40,222, respectively).

Events/Activities in the Parks

- The Lincoln Park Concert Series, the provision of which we are partnering with the Cultural District Committee for, has been very successful. Some of the concerts have had record or near record attendance.
- The Zion Nature Center Day Camp completed their June sessions and continue their sessions with the next being the second week in July.
- Also our continued partnership with the Mapelawn non-profit continues with their offering of their own highly successful day camp at the Mapelawn Farmstead in the corner of our Mulberry Fields Park.
- Also Mapelawn has been hosting on site in our park a "Screen Door Series, where visitors can drop in for a friendly chat while volunteers engage in historically appropriate activities.

Heritage Trail Park (HTP)

- The earlier reported delay from the third party communications company, who when sent the plans back last fall said they had no lines in the way of our storm sewer (and they had three), has now been removed. Our storm sewer linkage has been made and the bio-basin construction is now moving forward. This delay enforced upon us puts us outside the window for seeding traditional turf grass. But because the site cannot be left as bare dirt until fall we would have to at least seed a temporary cover crop. At that point it makes use to seed the turf seed now. If it takes even to a degree we will be ahead rather than a cover crop that would need to be killed and seeded over. If the weather doesn't cooperate this may cause an additional cost as we would then have to have at least a partial reseed of turf grass in the fall.

Other Highlighted Matters

- Weather permitting; the Mulberry Fields Splashpad is getting its first of three separate concrete pours on the day of the July Town Council meeting. Again, if there isn't significant chance of rain, for the two days following the Council meeting, the final two colorized pours should be completed along with their screening and brooming by that Wednesday. Then the required special additives in the concrete will need to cure for at least a week. If the weather holds nicely, we are planning to open the splash pad on Saturday July 13th. As usual, the typical information conduits we use information has been updated. This has been signed on site in multiple locations such as on site (with a QR-code so an up-to-date "live broadcast" of information can be received by smart-phone

users right on site), the Town website, sent to the papers, etc. Also we have been directly answering inquiries by phone and email, and through our park web site electronic comment form.