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**Town Council Report for March 2015**  
**Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:**

*Zionsville Parks Golf Course (ZGC)*

- For the month that just ended, our gross operating profit at Zionsville Park's Golf Course was ~ \$4,893. This would compare to the same month's numbers in 2014 of ~\$3,434 and in 2013 of ~\$2,087. In looking back at the March numbers all the way back through 2009, our highest gross operating profit has been ~\$ 18,037 (2012) and our lowest has been \$2,087 (2013). The average for that same seven-year time span has been ~ \$7,757.

Back at the end of the 2014 season, our golf season was set as opening on Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. We had significant snow just the week before that date and the course was still too moist and temperatures still too cold to hit our opening target. We were, however; able to open the following week for a few days. And then we had to close down for 4 days for that last vigorous snow near the end of March. So generating nearly \$5K of gross operating profits in what effectively was about 10 (perhaps marginally) open days of in March, is really better than one might hope.

*Zion Nature Center (ZNC)*

- March was a busy month for our environmental park programming. We had over 1000 in attendance (1079). This also doesn't count the over 400 in attendance at our Friends of ZNC support group's NatureFest event.
- Also while the actual attendance numbers will be reflected later in the year, our Day Camp registration was in early March. Some may recall that we were unable to hold those camps in 2014 and a few were worried the lull was going to hurt participation when we were able to reengage on the program. Any worries about loss of interest/participation appear to be completely unfounded. Most of the sessions are all filled, with some filling that first day or by the end of that first weekend. In addition we offered a new type of camp never tried before here, that being four, 1-day camps scheduled on the off weeks between our week-long, traditional camp sessions. This new camp program was actually our most popular offering and filled within hours of the registration's opening. For the other more typical camps we have just a few openings in a couple of the sessions...usually either for the oldest children and/or in morning sessions. But with nearly two months to go before the program, likely we will entirely fill.

*Other Highlighted Matters*

- Another huge success appears to be shaping up this year again in terms of the Community Garden plots. Despite a slight increase of fees, all of the thirty plots in Elm Street Green were reserved in the first 3 hours after registration opened. By the end of the first day, of the 60 plots at Heritage Trail Park, only 19 were still available, and as of the time of preparation of this report, that number is down to 10 available.