

December 6, 2010

## **Town Council Report: November, 2010 Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:**

### *Park Improvement/Construction Projects Updates*

- We are still working with contactors to finish up a few final items at each of the two major project sites. Some of these are the nature of final punch-list items. Some are late items that were adjusted by the park board in response to citizen input at recent board meetings

### *Zionsville Parks Gold Course*

- The Zionsville Park's Golf Course gross profit numbers for October (which had not yet completed as of the point the last report is traditionally prepared as the month had not yet ended) stood at ~\$17,232. This was up over October 2009's gross profit numbers of ~12,565. Because of when the Town Council meeting falls in this Dec, we can report that the ZGC's gross profits for Nov 2010 were at ~ \$6,186.42 and the same Nov-period in 2009 generated ~\$10,533 in gross profits. When looking at the ending two months of our golf seasons for both 2010 and 2009 it can be seen that the two month end of the season window's gross profits for Oct/Nov, 2009 and 2010 were within about \$300 of each other (with 2010 gross profits being the slightly higher of the two).

### *Mulberry Fields*

- We are told by the landscaping contractor that his firm will be starting the previously discussed final replacement planting in the first couple of full weeks of Dec. This will include some 35 trees and approximately the same in shrubs. There were 10 trees previously identified for this planting that were oak species that were unavailable or unsuitable for fall digging/planting. As a result we will get a credit for those and will be able to get those planted in the spring, outside of any entanglements with this current contractor. This is in addition to the replacements he was held to last year of well over 150 plants. As a reminder, these efforts have led to over 200 trees and many shrubs being planted at no additional cost to the taxpayers. The 2 acres of turf that were core-aerated and slit-seeded germinated well except for one small area. While it would be less fun for winter sledders, the longer the hill stays without snow the better for some of this turf.

### *Other Highlighted Matters*

- We have been informed that the Zionsville Park Department was one of only 3 successful applications to receive a \$5,000 grant from the Boone County Solid Waste District in support of the utilization of recycled and reclaimed materials in our park system. After discussions with Mr. Hodges, we had listed a variety of potential focuses with the realization that this initial \$5,000 would just scratch the surface in terms of possibilities.
- We have been in discussions with Indianapolis Power and Light (IPL). IPL is preparing for major easement maintenance (vegetative-work) along their high-voltage transmission lines through Zionsville in 2011. It most effects us in their easement through Starkey Park. We have submitted a grant proposal request to them that they fund a prairie planting and 5 years of initial establishment maintenance on ~6 acres of Starkey Park (effectively the area under their easement).