

November 1, 2010
Town Council Report: October, 2010
Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:

Park Improvement/Construction Projects Updates

- Hopefully by now all are aware of the November 6th's Park Dedication Events for both Turkey Foot Park (9:30 am) and Elm Street Green (11:00 am). Gathering points will be at the small Turkey Foot Parking lot and upland shelter at Elm Street Green. The current Park Board and as well as some past Park Board members have been working hard to notify past influential person who helped assist the process in the past. Also we expect the paper to mention the program the Wednesday before as well.
- We are still working with contactors to finish up a few final items at each site. Some of these are the nature of final punch-list items. However the chance to get both done before we moved into winter seemed like too good and opportunity to the Board.

Zionsville Parks Gold Course

- The Zionsville Park's Golf Course gross profit numbers for October are not yet completed as of the point this report is traditionally prepared (the month has not yet ended). We can report that at this point, the unobligated balance in the golf course fund (current as of the October claims process) is ~\$157,240. Council members may recall that of that amount ~\$81,367 was brought forward from 2009. It is expected that gross revenues will be drastically reduced these last couple months of the season and yet it's traditional that several of our extensive maintenance process have to go on at this time when play has slacked off (core aeration of the greens is one example). Therefore, it is likely that that net balance will either not increase a great deal more or be somewhat reduced here near the end of the year.

Mulberry Fields

- We have negotiated an exit strategy for the landscaping contractor who has for the last several years been quite a challenge out at that site. This is positive news even though it has been a challenging time. The really good news is he has committed to replanting some 48 more trees and 34 shrubs. This is in addition to the replacements he was held to last year of well over 150 plants. These efforts to hold him as strictly accountable as we could have led to well over 200 trees and many shrubs as well being planted at no additional cost to the taxpayers. We also are getting about 2 acres of turf core-aerated and slit seeded as well.

Other Highlighted Matters

- In the past month or two we were able to remove some nonnative-invasive plant species that were colonizing in on the Zion Nature Sanctuary park site. While not originally planned for 2010, a portion of the needed work could be accomplished this fall more easily because of the late season's extreme dryness. This will be helpful to our very successful nature programming efforts out at the Zion Nature Sanctuary which benefits many of our citizens.