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Town Council Report for January 2016 Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:

Highlighted Parks Matters

- *Zion Nature Center Construction Project:* At the end of January, the first meeting of the design committee for this joint project between the Park Board and other Town Agencies was held. Attending were the Mayor and Town Manager, Department heads from the Park and the Fire Department, The Park Board President, and members of the two firms (construction management and the architectural firm). The concept for this group will be to hash out the joint design principles that are important for a hybrid building that will have functionality beyond a Nature Center should the parks Department move beyond or out from such use at that site. Of course the ability to move out may be dependent on whether the Park Board can recoup some of their funds used in implementing this structure. In any case, the meeting went very well and this intensive process will continue over the next few months as the project readies for construction stages later this year.
- *Zionsville Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan:* Utilizing in part an \$18,500 grant from the Indiana State Board of Health, The Town of Zionsville is taking its existing plan to a much more detailed level. This involves a whole series of public input opportunities and various planning activities beyond that. The process will continue to early summer. When the plan will work its way through an adoption process culminating in the Town Council. Here are some key points from the press release...

Purpose:

The Pedestrian and Bikeways Plan is being prepared to provide the Town of Zionsville with a master plan for future improvements to the pedestrian and bikeways system. The plan's recommendations will focus on infrastructure improvements, but will also address policy and program updates to support and encourage pedestrian and bicycle travel.

We need your help with this project by providing your thoughts and input. There are a variety of ways to reach out to the project team. Information and links are provided below.

Public Forum #1:

Date: February 3, 2016

Time: 6:30-8:30 (Open house – come anytime during this timeframe)

Location: Zionsville Town Hall, Community Room

Purpose of Meeting: gather input on existing conditions and wants and wishes for new pedestrian and bike improvements.

Public Forum #2:

Date: March 10, 2016

Time: 6:30-8:30 (Open house – come anytime during this timeframe)

Location: Zionsville Town Hall, Community Room

Purpose of Meeting: gather input on proposed facility locations (sidewalks, pathways, bike facilities)

Community survey (Open January 27 - February 17, 2016):

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Zionsville-Pedestrian-Bikeways-Plan>

Online mapping survey (Open January 27 - February 17, 2016):

<http://wikimapping.com/wikimap/Zionsville-Pedestrian-and-Bikeways-Plan.html>

Project website (Open through the end of the project in June):

www.zionsville-pedestrian-and-bikeways-plan.com

Email the project team with comments and questions:

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