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**Town Council Report for April 2016  
Parks and Recreation Activity Highlights:**

*Park Programming*

- *Zionsville Parks Golf Course (ZGC):* Our monthly gross operating profit for the Zionsville Park's Golf Course was at ~\$23,594. Up from ~\$8,173 the previous starting month of March. So this was a large increase from the previous month primarily due to the weather finally moderating. These April 2016 gross operating numbers compare very favorably when looking back over the last 8 seasons, basically putting this month in 2016 being our 3<sup>rd</sup> best April ever. This was just behind ~\$28,974 in 2012 and ~\$26,437 in 2010. Our lowest April was in 2013 at ~\$9,262 (the year with the worst flood in nearly 60 years). And our next lowest April has been in 2011 at ~\$12,365.

*Additional Programming, Partnerships, Other Events in the Parks, etc.:*

- *Zionsville Bicycle Challenge:* Join our own Mayor Haak in our third annual Zionsville Bicycle Challenge. Designed to get people out on a bicycle this 6-week program has grown every year and has lots of fun prizes and voluntary group rides if you wish. Random prize drawings as well as award to the top mileage in each of three categories and one beginner category that awards minutes riding each week. See if you can beat the Mayor's miles!
- *May is National Bike Month:* And we will have our Annual Family Fun Ride on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am. This features bicycle and helmet safety checks by our partners at Nebo Ridge Bicycles, and then followed by an easy 7 mile group ride for the whole family!
- Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> Is National Bike to Work Day. Join Mayor Haak and other Town Staff as they commute to their work place. bike to work

*Other Highlighted Parks Matters*

- *Mayor Haak has proclaimed May is Monarch Month in Zionsville:* The Monarch butterfly has critical habitat challenges during its winter migration and return to Mexico. Our Park System has been in the forefront of providing such habitat efforts over the last 5+ years. Now Mayor Haak has joined a national group of Mayors (including several in Indiana) to take the pledge to assist this species (and others) via a wide variety of actions. Many of these we have already been doing for years and there should be no reason the Town should not be granted credit for those. We expect Zionsville to be able to reach the coveted Leadership Circle because of the increased progress we have already made.