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

*Park Programming*

- *Zionsville Parks Golf Course (ZGC):* Our monthly gross operating profit for the ZGC was over ~\$30,249. This compares to ~\$43,128 the previous month. This is down quite a bit from the month just before but this is normal at this time of year. Basically, after the first week of August the colleges start up and about ½ through the month most of the other schools start. So golfers are being pulled off the course as their schedules heat up. Weather was also a bit problematic through some of the month. When looking back over the last 8 seasons, our two highest historical numbers for this particular month each year stand at ~\$48,130 in 2009 and ~\$46,265 in 2013. Our average for this month over our 8 seasons of operations is ~\$43,362.

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

- *Zionsville Bicycle Challenge:* The final numbers are all tabulated from another successful program this summer! Total registrants were stable (about 5 more than last year's). This program is designed to introduce people to the bicycle as a tool for travel, fun, and fitness, or to bring them back to it after a long absence. It was structured over six weeks where the riders chose their challenge level, either a target of a 90 minutes of riding each week, or one of three mileage challenges per week (200, 400, or 600 miles). For those who chose the minutes challenge (usually more of the beginners category or those with really tight schedules), total minutes ridden by all the participants over the six week was the equivalent of nearly *9.5 full days!* Total mileage for all those who chose one of the three mileage distances was over **31,383 miles!** That is the equivalent distance of riding a bicycle from New York to Los Angeles and back doing that round trip 5 and ½ times total!! The same three teams competed against each other again this year for the coveted Traveling Trophy (an engraved, 100+ year old brick from Zionsville's Main Street), two teams were the Dow Agrocyclists and Zionsville Triathlon Club, and some members of each actually help park staff and board give the program. The third, Team Zionsville, is comprised mostly from the Zionsville Community and friends and family members of those same. This year in a hotly contested race, Team Zionsville was able to keep their unblemished hold on the Travel Trophy. But their normal challenger, Dow AgroCyclist Club was just a hair under 1000 miles behind, so quite close this year. Team Zionsville will need more riders next year!

*Other Highlighted Parks Matters*

- *Zionsville's Creekfest):* Unfortunately due to high waters and storms, this joint event with the our fellow department of Streets and Stormwater, had to be cancelled, both in the cleanup portion and the festival portion. The organizing committee comprised of Town Staff and others felt the participant safety was paramount and that the high water and probability of lightning made that too much of a risk. The committee has also considered the question of rescheduling but just to use this year as an example the weekend after the planned weekend was the Labor Day holiday, then two weekends out is the Lions Fall Festival, then the next weekend, we run into park programming (and multiple park staff are involved all Creekfest Saturday and in the months leading up to the event). One can see how pretty easily it can be October already with the stream water cooling down and school and sports into full swing.