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

*2017's Major Park Planning Efforts with Town-wide Effects (Chronologically listed)*

- *Overly-Worman Park Conceptual Design Charrette:* Is well underway. The Park Department and consultant team has had ecological experts on site multiple times assessing the existing conditions on the future donation land, which had been the former location of the clean-construction materials reclamation company.

The week of the Town Council meeting is also the week of the 3-day set of several meetings (March 7-9). This includes various stakeholders and potential users being invited to attend and speak from their various points of view. Also there will be public input meetings and various methods for "general citizenry" to engage in the process. All told, it is a 4-6 month planning process culminating and a conceptual vision for what the Overly-Worman Park site could be. We encourage the general public and the entire Council to avail themselves of any of the numerous opportunities to participate.

- *Zionsville Park and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan:* Also as discussed with the Town Council during the 2017 budgeting process, it is time to again plan the next 5-8 years of Zionsville's Park and Recreation Future (and hence the associated positive impacts on economic development, the quality of life, and the health of our community and its citizens). This process will engage near the tail end of the process above but the Park Department has already gotten the initial stages underway. In a competitive selection process and consultant firm has been selected by the park board to facilitate the process and develop the final draft products for approval. Park staff has already met with the firm's team and the project schedule has been sketched out.

*Park Programming*

- *Nature Center Daycamps:* Our Park Naturalist, Mindy Murdock, is always hard at work with our regular environmental programming throughout the system. But she is also spending extra time as our day camps are again beginning their yearly sign ups (in early March). Look for these and many other exciting programs as the season comes into full swing!
- *Zionsville Parks Golf Course (ZGC):* Our new management team has met extensively with our retired staffers and all our Part-time staff are gearing up for the planned March 24<sup>th</sup> opening (weather dependent). As discussed with/in the media, the Park Board enacted a small raise base fees to help cover operational costs and to hopefully use surplus to save for capital projects. This is the first time in 5 years and only the second in the entire history of the Town's ownership.

*Park Maintenance Efforts*

- *Extensive Damage along Trail SP-1 in Starkey Park:* As an update, clean up results have been tabulated and calculated (in the case of internal staff hours, etc.). The results have been submitted to the Town's insurance carrier. The calculations showed over \$13,000 of damages and replacement costs to replace like with like. We are also pricing the improvements that were discussed in the last report and are discussing such with two or three vendors (of course, the insurance will not cover such upgrades). We have received a bit of \$7,000 from the insurance company; the rest will come after completion. Even with the \$1,000 Town deductible the Town's policy has in place and also minus the insurance company's depreciation, we still will receive around \$10,500 to \$11,000 to assist on repairs. As any repairs/upgrades have to be custom built for the site's local conditions we still anticipate late spring/early summer before they are fabricated, shipped, arrive, and constructed on site.