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To: President Plunkett and Town of Zionsville Town Council
From: Jarod Logsdon, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation
RE: Additional Appropriation Request: Zionsville Rail Trail Improvements

Fund 403- Non-Reverting Capital Reserve- \$500,000.00

As the central spine of our trails and pathway system, the Zionsville Rail Trail is a beloved amenity in our park system that is vital to the daily activity and wellness of our residents. The expansion of this trail both north and south, as well as a year-round trailhead with restroom facility, was presented and approved for bond issuance in 2019. The Zionsville Parks and Recreation Department is entering its third year of this project, having welcomed the community to the southern expansion and making significant progress on the northern expansion. With the award of a 1.8-million-dollar grant from the Next Level Trails grant program, an opportunity was presented to not only complete the outstanding capital projects, but also improve drainage and widen and replace the existing Rail Trail pavement as it has reached its end of life. Bundling the northern expansion with the widening project allowed significant savings in duplicate mobilization and administrative costs. The additional fund request seeks to allocate \$500,000.00 to reestablish 10% of contingency for unknown and anticipated change orders and quantity discrepancies. As the northern expansion and widening project failed to secure bids during its first posting, the project was changed from lump sum to a ticket-based bid (based on engineered calculations). As the project progresses, we are noticing the need for additional excavation and stone along the corridor, the need for unanticipated undercuts, and expanded plantings.

If there are any questions related to this agenda item, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you,

Jarod Logsdon

Superintendent of Parks and Recreation

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