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### Skateboards only on the Mulberry Fields Skate Park

The Zionsville Parks & Recreation Department and the Zionsville Parks Board reminds skate park users: no scooters or bikes allowed. The skate park is for skateboards and in-line skates only.

An increasing number of skate park visitors are using or requesting to use scooters. Because the skate park is specifically built for skateboard use, scooters and bikes can cause severe damage. Damage from scooters can occur for a number of reasons: when the handlebars, bottom of the scooter or rear edges hit the concrete surface or when the metal of a scooter grinds against the cement.

“Grinding’ or ‘sliding’ is when the bottom of the scooter or skateboard slides along the edge of the metal or concrete. On a skateboard, the grinding surface is wood or metal trucks or axles. These axels are small and do not hang over the protective metal coping around the park. On scooters, the entire composition is metal and the damage extends past the protective coping on the cement,” said Zionsville Parks Director of Maintenance Dave Moliterno.

The Mulberry Fields Skate Park is one of the most well-known in the state and the Zionsville Parks Board aims to protect the physical attributes of the park. This summer, several features in the skate park were replaced and repaired by national company Grindline and the park was power washed, painted and resealed.

“With the recent updates to the skate park from Grindline, Zionsville Parks staff and the skateboard community are really taking pride in our one-of-a-kind facility,” said Zionsville Parks Board President Tim Casady. “We want to protect and preserve this skate park for many generations to come.”

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