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Zionsville Golf Course could soon have private operator

The Town of Zionsville has posted a [Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#) that could lead to a public/private partnership to manage its municipal golf course. The RFP is for the operation, management, and maintenance of the course, which is currently run by the Zionsville Department of Parks and Recreation. The course was built in 1961 and operated privately until the town purchased it in 2007.

The Zionsville Golf Course had a record-breaking year in 2023, with nearly 27,000 rounds played. The goal of the RFP is to build upon that success and to expand the course's reputation and market share among junior and adult learn-to-golf programs, deliver increased value to patrons, and improved efficiency in operations.

"The Zionsville Golf Course is a tremendous asset for our community", said Mayor John Stehr. "We want to ensure that it continues to operate at the highest standards and provides a first-class golfing experience for our neighbors and visitors looking for a challenging and economical place to play."

The Mayor considers this process a way to investigate how to manage the course most efficiently in the coming years.

According to Parks Superintendent Jarod Logsdon: "There are more than 2500 municipal golf courses now operating in the United States, and the vast majority are operated by private entities. There's a reason for that. Our mission is to determine if bringing in a partner makes sense for Zionsville."

RFPs must be submitted by February 23, 2024, by 9:00 am EST. A contract could be awarded as soon as March 13, 2024. The 2024 golf season will begin on or around March 15.

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