


**Lake of the Pines
Association**

Memo

To: Sean Bothelio, General Manager

From: Rick Fowler, Operations Manager 

cc: Golf Committee, Jeff Hill, Nick Hoisington, Pat Shaw, Paul Brown

Date: March 24, 2023

Re: **March Golf Course Maintenance Update**

During the month of March several projects were started or completed by BrightView, Contractors, or Public Works Staff. Below is a summary of the work that has been performed since the February 2023 Golf Course Maintenance Update:

COMPLETIONS

- Staff (Pat) has been cleaning up the flower beds at the Hole 5 tee box.
- Public works replanted the flower bed at the "Red" tee box on Hole 6.
- Because the lithium battery chargers are installed in the cart, not on the ceiling of the cart barn, we are taking this opportunity to redesign the cart barn. We are converting to the Google Assist Wi-Fi Smart Outlets, removing the old chargers, and rewiring the circuits for the lithium adaptors. This should save significant energy, as lithium charges faster with less energy consumption., and the Smart timers avoid peak PG & E charging and demand times. We have been offering the Members the used chargers and the good used cart batteries for sale at a significantly reduced price.
- Lots of cleanup from storm related damages.
- Turf Star/Toro had their annual sprinkler sale that was a buy 4 and get the 5th sprinkler for free sale. I had funds available to purchase sufficient sprinklers to get 11 free sprinklers, which is enough to remodel the fairway on the left side of Hole 8 for free.
- Sean and I met with BrightView to discuss their contract that is due for renewal this July. In the next several months we will be fine tuning the contract to meet our current needs. I have sent the committee the new proposed "Exhibit A Technical Maintenance

Specifications” for the new contract to review and comment. I will be taking the new proposed contract to the Board for approval in the next several months.

- The 2023 Cart Path Repair Project was approved by the Board at the March meeting. The work is scheduled to be completed while the course is closed in April for Aeration. The project includes path repairs on Holes 3, 13, 15, and 18. This should conclude the repairs for a few years, as staff addressed all the other holes last year. The issue now is the weather. May have to move the aeration week due to rains.
- During the spring Aeration week when the course is closed, staff will be doing a major project on Hole 6. Remodeling the “Green” tee box, updating the cart path, removing/installing and reshaping bunkers, and correcting some drainage issues **IF** the weather and ground conditions allow.
- At the March Board Meeting, the Board approved Operations moving forward and bid the Hole 17 Green relocation as adopted in the Golf Course Master Plan. Once I have a defined construction time frame window, and two (2) greens to expand with the old Hole 17 green, I will proceed with putting the Bid Package together and bid the project.

To-Do List

- Brightview needs to repair or replace all the missing or damaged OB and Hazard markers on the course; replace all the missing fairway upright floppy yardage markers and reinstall all the “Cart Arrow” ground signs at the 50 Yard markers to keep carts from around the greens.
- Staff ordered and received all the new cart path round “Yardage” pavement markers and will install them as the cart paths worm-up.
- Find a Civil Engineer to do the Hole 3 fairway and Hole 12 pond designs: Steve Ourada has a bid for me, but I have not seen it as of this date.
- Remodel the cart barn to maximize capacity of carts.
- Convert all the remaining carts to lithium.
- Staff ordered and received replacement fairway yardage upright markers for all the missing locations on the course. They will all be installed soon, weather permitting.
- Staff will be installing the new green tee box on Hole 3 once the weather cooperates. As a part of this installation, staff will have Brightview re-aim the grass cut on the other tee box so that all are in-line with each other.
- Staff will fill in and seed the sand trap on the right side of Hole 11 green and correct the drainage in the area as approved by the Golf Committee. It is solid rock and the drainage in that area stays wet all year round.
- Staff were requested by the Golf Committee to also remove the sand trap on the backside of Hole 10 green and seed the area.
- Staff were requested to fill in the small round sand trap on the right side of hole 6 fairway and to install a large new sand trap on the left side of the fairway, where the trees were removed several years ago. Staff will also enlarge the remaining sand trap on the rights side of the fairway.
- I also have current Reserve funds available to purchase new bunker sand for the green side bunker on Hole 3 and repair/replace the wooden retaining wall on the lower side of the green.
- Staff will be removing the concrete bridge at the bottom of the hill on Hole 14 to increase water flow and slow down erosion in the area as soon as the ground dries up enough to

get larger equipment on-site without making a mess. Not sure when, bigger project than anticipated.

- Brightview needs to reshape the fringe cut on Hole 1 to match the fringe cut on the back of Hole 4.
- Public Works needs to install boulders on the left side of the last chain link fence at the bottom of the hill on Hole 6 to further block off the risk of carts going over the steep edge of the cart path.
- Public Works will fix the landscaping behind Hole 12 Blue/White tee box, the landscaping on the right side of Hole 14 green by the benches, and behind the Hole 18 White tee box.
- When time allows this Spring Public Works and BrightView will trench and install all new irrigation lines and control wires on the left side of Hole 8 fairway. BrightView will install new "Free" sprinklers, and a used controller for the additional sprinklers. Once completed, BrightView will aerate and reseed the entire left side of the fairway.
- BrightView will continue to review and remove unwanted grass varieties on the fairway approaches to greens.
- During our next "Roadway Project", Staff will have the striping contractor paint a four (4) inch "White" stripe along the lower slope side of the cart path going down the hill on Hole 6 as a visual safety enhancement. Also, we will look at widening the curves with concrete.
- BrightView will improve the drainage and install new bunker sand in the existing sand traps in the order recommended by the Golf Committee. I have not received a complete priority list of bunker refurbishments from the Golf Committee. This will be a multi-year project as the replacement costs for sand is approximately \$1,100 a bunker and BrightView labor is only available sporadically when time allows them to defer other maintenance. I have \$5k in the 2023 Golf Operating budget for bunker sand on top of some reserve funds.