

Lake of the Pines  
Association

# Memo

**To:** Sean Bothelio, General Manager  
**From:** Rick Fowler, Operations Manager *RF*  
**cc:** Golf Committee, Jeff Hill, Pat Shaw, Paul Brown  
**Date:** December 28, 2023  
**Re:** December Golf Course Maintenance Update

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During the month of December 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 November 2023 Golf Course Maintenance Update:

## COMPLETIONS

- The Hole 12 Project is now on hold due to the weather and competing Association Projects. The SOLAR pump system was on-sale through the end of November and made the larger 60 GPM pump unit within budget. Therefore, I ordered it and used the donated funds for the purchase. As of this date, we have received all the equipment for the pumping system. The project will restart in the Spring when the fairway dries out.
- Staff expanded the ditch on Hole 14 the entire width of the fairway to aid in proper course drainage. So far, it looks like the standing water issue at the bottom of the fairway has dried up. Also, the sediment trap at the cart path was enlarged and rocked.
- Hole 5 blue/white tee box and Hole 6 green tee box stairs were closed due to a golfer's complaints. It took a while to get all the materials, but staff made several changes to the stairs at each. Both locations are back open for play now.
- Staff began repairing and adding split rail fencing around the course. This will continue over the winter as time and weather allows.
- The Park 4 Pumphouse cage surrounding the water inlet head for the golf course irrigation system in the lake was exposed during the recent lake lowering. It has been submerged in

the water for over 20 years with little or no maintenance. During inspection, it was noted that the cage surrounding the inlet head was completely rusted out allowing contaminants to enter the pumping system. Therefore, our Public Works Mechanic fabricated a completely new cage with stainless steel construction and our Public Works crew installed the new cage.

- Staff cleaned out the center fairway ditch on Hole 8 for proper winter runoff water collection. Also, to help keep the runoff water to stay in the ditch and exit the course without flooding the fairway.
- See my attached Project list "Update" for further details on a hole-by-hole summary. Public Works Staff is planning on completing all these items and I now have staff to perform the work.

### To-Do List

- At the June Board meeting, the Board approved the purchase of a new greens and a new fairway mower (2 total). They are on-order but not expected for at least several more months.
- We will still be adding an improvement to the old green tee box on Hole 3 to make it easier to access the new green tee box.
- Staff will be extending the Hole 4 green tee box as soon as the weather cooperates.
- Hole 12 will need to be closed for at least one (1) month in the Spring to install the two (2) ponds in front of the green and complete the SOLAR pump installation.
- Hole 17 Green relocation is also in the Reserves for next year. It will be closed for at least three (3) months for the new green to be installed and to mature.
- Also, we will be relocating a portion of the old number 17 green to another existing green. The timing of these projects will need to be established so as not to interfere with course play too much.

Golf Committee Priority List **Update from Rick Fowler**

November 2023

**Bunkers:**

- # 6 - Remove the round bunker and expand the other fairway bunker; **Complete.**
- # 6 - Install a new bunker on the left side of fairway, across from the one just removed; **Completed.**
- #10 - Remove/fill in bunker on the back side of Green; **Completed.**
- # 11 - Remove/fill in bunker on the right side of Green; **Completed.**
- # 15 – Relocate/partial fill bunker on right side of Green;
- # 15 - Relocate/partial fill bunker on left side of Green;
- # 17 - Remove/fill in bunker on the left side of Green; **(On hold until Spring 2024)**
- # 18 - Remove/fill in bunker on the right side of Green; **Completed.**

**Hole Modifications:**

- #1- Cut the rough behind the green shorter to allow balls hit over the green a chance to roll back; **Completed**
- #2 -Raise the turf on the back left of the green to prevent balls from rolling down the hill; **BV in progress**
- #2 – Add cart Path to new PAR 4 Tee Box; **Needs Funding source.**
- #3 – Re-aim the current Blue, White and Red tee box and install a new green tee box; **Completed**
- #3 – Install a turnout at old green tee box and install a path to the new green tee box;
- #4 – Enlarge the Green Tee box; **Lady 18ers Donated \$900 for this project, will install as weather allows.**
- #4 – Trim the trees at bottom right corner in the bend that hang over the fairway.
- #6 – Enlarge the Green Tee box; **Completed**
- #6 – Install Lady 18er provided landscaping to Green Tee box; **Completed**
- #6- Cut the rough behind the green shorter to allow balls hit over the green a chance to roll back; **Completed**
- #8 - Install new irrigation on the left side of the far fairway;
- #10 – Expand Blue/White Tee box left of its current location;
- #11- Trim trees on right side at turn to improve playability;
- # 12 – Extend the blue tee box 5 yards for a blue/white combo tee; **In process.**
- # 16 - Remove fairway hump about 100 yards out; **Completed**
- Alt #17- Provide yardage signage at tee box;
- #17 – Relocate White Tee box to the left side of the cart path, between Alt #17 green and the creek;

**Green expansion similar to what was done for Hole #11: All greens expansions are dependent on Major Project "Reserve Funding" for Installations**

#4- Expand left side and back;

#10- Expand left side and back;

#14- Expand back right in front of current berm;

#3- Complete during the major project;

**Green modifications / Major Projects: LOP has funds budgeted for one hole per year but Staff currently has many conflicting priorities.**

#3 – Year 2025 - Cutback hill on left side and level out the fairway; create fairway berm on right side to keep balls in play;

#12- Year 2024 - Create water feature in front of existing green; Lake expansion into the fairway is done; the SOLAR Pump is here; ponds have been identified & working on material list for spring 2024 installation; Tee box installed; and all tree work & front ditch work is complete.

#17- Year 2024 - Relocate green right and forward of current location; Workload issues will wait until Spring 2024. Need Committee input on timing to ensure course is fully open for play with "ALT" hole selection.

#18 -Year 2026 - Relocate green in front of where the cart path crosses fairway (Per Master Plan);

**Creek bed Sediment traps**

#12 – Install larger trap near cart path & add phosphorous absorbers; Completed.

#13 - Install larger trap near cart path & add phosphorous absorbers;

#14 – Install traps along fairway creek & repair drainage & add phosphorous absorbers; Completed.