

Superintendent's Report

August 16 2021

Course Conditions:

Everything is really green right now thanks to almost 6 inches of rain last week. The course dried down quickly and we were able to resume play with carts in time for the Pepsi tournament. We did have some minor damage on greens and fairways due to the wet conditions and very hot, humid weather last week but they are recovering quickly with the cooler weather already.

Completed Projects:

We blew a 6 inch main irrigation line on the front of 2's fairway the weekend after the Classic. Thankfully I was able to get parts locally and make the repair first thing Monday and get sprinklers back on by Monday night. I also had to have an electrician come out from Cox Electric to make a repair to the back 9 pump station. Overall the irrigation system is holding up well and we are making gradual improvements to it whenever we can. I replaced several 40 year old sprinklers that didn't work with brand new Toro heads this month, including one on the front of 4's tee and one on the approach on 11.

The crew continues to be busy with regular course maintenance activities. Some small projects were completed including ranging, edging and installing new yardage plates on the entire course. Two of my crew members are leaving for school this week, one is done for the year and the other hopes to stay on part time through the fall.

I got the new grills for Brookhill Park delivered and will be installing them shortly. Bruce Vedder custom fabricated them since we weren't able to source any through regular suppliers. Bruce did a great job and they look like they will last for at least 20 years. The current plan is to install them on the concrete pads that are already there, close to where the old grills were.

Future and Ongoing Projects:

Depending on the weather we may do our big fall greens renovation this coming month. We need to aerate, verticut and topdress greens which usually takes several days from start to finish. We may also do some aeration on tees, collars and approaches if we have time and the weather cooperates.

Hopefully things will start to slow down for us on the maintenance side of things this month. Usually August and September are some of our slower months as the season starts to wind down. Mostly we will probably be working on keeping the irrigation up and keeping everything mowed.

Sprayer Update:

I am still waiting on the delivery of our new sprayer. The company that is refurbishing it is waiting on a few parts and they expect to have it to us by the end of August. In the meantime I have still been using the rec department's sprayer and it is working fine.

I inquired about trading in our old Cushman Sprayer and the gentleman handling the sale of our new sprayer said he would give us \$1200 for it on a trade in.

Credit Card for Maintenance Purchases:

I am requesting some sort of business credit or debit card to be used for occasional maintenance purchases. It has become increasingly hard this season to source parts and supplies through my usual vendors due to supplyline shortages. I also occasionally need items that are only available through specialty suppliers that will only accept credit cards for payment. I can often find exactly what I need online or somewhere local but have no way of paying for the item if we don't have a billing account with that specific supplier. Sometimes I am forced to pay higher prices or wait longer for items because I can only get what I need from a supplier that we have an account with.

I would be able to provide all receipts and a list of what was purchased every month if needed. I don't anticipate it would be more than 2 or 3 purchases per month, and would rarely

be anything very expensive. Something like a business card with a \$3000 limit would probably be fine.

Respectfully,

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