



Monmouth County Park System Shark River Golf Course Bunker and Tee Renovations Continued

PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Based upon a master plan completed in 2014, the Park System has been making improvements to Shark River Golf Course. A new irrigation system was installed in 2017 and more sustainable water sources are being explored. The golf course staff has been steadily making improvements to the course including new or rebuilt tees at 2, 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, & 14. They have eliminated at least half dozen unnecessary bunkers and built or improved another ten. Work completed in 2019 included the rebuilding and construction of bunkers to Holes 6, 7, 8, 10, 15 and 16 along with the rebuilding of tees for 16. This project involves work on holes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15.

REASON FOR PROJECT:

The bunkers of Shark River have evolved over the years, particularly in the modification of the course to accommodate Route 18. The bunkers were long overdue for rebuilding. Some of them need to be brought back into play or made more visible and some are poorly positioned and too challenging for the average golfer. Rebuilding allows us to install drainage as needed and reduces maintenance.

DESIGN APPROACH:

A hole by hole evaluation of the golf course was completed in 2014 by Mungeam Cornish and a masterplan developed. The original Scotty l'Anson design is respected. Bunkers are installed or relocated to challenge the experienced golfer but not overly penalize the average golfer. As always the redesign/rebuilding attempts to reduce the required maintenance of the features.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Minimal disturbance to surrounding area and adjacent golf features. Balance of cut and fill.

PROJECT STATUS:

Mungeam Cornish Golf Design prepared bid documents for this project. The project was bid and awarded to NMP Golf construction Corp, Williston, VT. for \$590,000. Construction is to begin in October 2020 and be completed in the Spring of 2021.

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