Master plan could call for major changes at Illinois course

MAHOMET, Ill. — Champaign County Forest Preserve District officials will embark on a study this year that could lead to renovations and improvements to Lake of the Woods Golf Course.

The officials approved spending $5,300 for aerial mapping of the golf course, the first step in creating a new master plan for the facility.

Late last year, the district hired architect William Spear of St. Charles to present it with concepts for improving Lake of the Woods. Spear worked with the original course designer, Robert Bruce Harris, in the 1940s and 1950s.

Forest Preserve Executive Director John Potts said some work could start this fall, but the district is looking at renovations as a long-term project to be implemented over several years. Some possible changes include reworked bunkers, enlarged greens, and new cart paths.

Tony Jacklin is the winner of 11 PGA European Tour events (including the 1969 British Open) and 11 other international events including the 1972 U.S. Open. Tony is also a four-time European Ryder Cup captain, and can be seen on the Senior PGA Tour.