

From: Brian Patrick Hall

Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2020 12:55 PM

Subject: Letter in support of artificial turf field- Brian Patrick Hall

Dear Oak Bluffs planning board members,

My name is Brian Patrick Hall, and I'm in support of the artificial turf field. I'm an oak bluffs kid, I played football & lacrosse at mvrhs, dean college and roger Williams lacrosse player, head coach in the youth lacrosse program for the last 15 years (no children of my own, just care about giving back to the community that has given me everything). We need to stop putting our kids safety and futures behind our own personal agendas. I've watched our fields injure island kids & their opponents for the last 20+ years. We have this opportunity to install a safe facility for the youth of this island at no expense to the taxpayers. It's a no brainer. The donors are in full support & it's about time the community supports it too. We walked away and watched the field fund attempt to fix a few fields that can endure the practices/games, they've failed at every attempt. A grass field is not feasible. It requires too much time/work and the taxpayers money just so we can revisit this issue again in another 5 years. We need to be proactive in supporting our children. We have the donors, let's do the right thing for our kids. Food for thought, why would some of the most prestigious colleges & university's throughout the world put the best & brightest athletes of the world on a field that would harm them? They wouldn't.

Sincerely,

Brian Patrick Hall

Head coach of U15 Shoremen

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