

**RESOLUTION NO. R-19-19**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REPLACING THE FIELD TURF  
AT SPRENGER STADIUM AT THE CLOSE OF THE 2021  
FRONTIER LEAGUE BASEBALL SEASON  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the City's baseball stadium, currently known as Sprenger Stadium was constructed in 2008-2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the field turf that was installed at the Stadium at that time had an expected life estimated to be between 10 and 12 years; and

**WHEREAS**, in that time period, close to One Thousand games have been played on the field and as a result the stadium turf is showing signs of extensive wear and tear; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, to maintain the playability of the field, has made numerous spot repairs in recent years which has extended the life of the turf; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for the current tenant, Blue Dog Baseball, LLC to succeed financially, it needs to bid on and sign long term (3 to 5 years) contracts with teams and leagues who wish to utilize the field. These teams and leagues in turn need a commitment from the tenant and by extension, the City, that the turf will be replaced in the next two years; and

**WHEREAS**, Finance Committee of Council met on August 5, 2019 to consider making a commitment to Blue Dog that the City would replace the turf and by a vote of 3 in favor and none opposed recommended to Council a commitment to replace the turf at the conclusion of the 2021 Crusader's baseball season; and

**WHEREAS**, Council taking all these matters into consideration, finds that the replacement of the field turf at Sprenger Stadium after the close of the 2021 Frontier League Baseball season to be an improvement that will significantly further the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Avon and the teams (including the Avon High School team) that utilize the facility.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON, COUNTY OF LORAIN AND STATE OF OHIO:**

Section 1 - That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Avon commit to the replacement of the field turf at Sprenger Stadium at the close of the 2021 Frontier League baseball season and Council will appropriate the funds required to perform this project at the proper time.

Section 2 - That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council of the City of Avon concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council of the City of Avon and that all deliberations of this City's Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3 - That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Avon, the immediate emergency being the necessity for the current tenant to obtain a commitment from the City to replace the turf at Sprenger Stadium by the end of the 2021 Frontier League season; therefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Craig L. Witherspoon, Council President

DATE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_

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Bryan K. Jensen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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John A. Gasior, Law Director

ATTEST:

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Barbara Brooks  
Clerk of Council

Posted: \_\_\_\_\_  
In Five Places, as  
Provided by Council

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