

**Submitted by: David P. Massaron, Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President for Finance and Business Operations; Treasurer**

## **Harwell Field Baseball Infield Turf**

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Governors authorize the President, or his designee, to approve spending to design, solicit bids, and award contracts for the Harwell Field Baseball Infield Turf located at 5401 John C. Lodge, with a project cost not to exceed \$1,100,000. Funding for this project will be provided by philanthropic sources.

### **Background and Project Description**

The baseball field is located at the northeast corner of the John C Lodge Service Drive. The field is home to the WSU baseball team and utilized for high school baseball playoffs as well as youth camps. The existing infield is a combination of clay and grass and requires significant daily maintenance and upkeep. Additionally, the infield needs to be tarped ahead of any rain/snow event and at the end of the season to protect it from erosion.

The purpose of this project is to upgrade the existing infield. Artificial turf provides for a more consistent playing surface, which helps reduce the number of injuries related to poor field conditions. Artificial turf also allows the baseball team to utilize the field much sooner in the spring season due to a robust drainage system under the artificial turf. This is of significance to the baseball program as the artificial turf will expand outdoor use of the field for training prior to their season-opening games in February. Furthermore, the field will be playable as soon as snow has melted with no spring maintenance needed.

Finally, converting the field from grass to turf will reduce the resources needed to maintain the playability of the infield. In lieu of daily grooming, regular mowing, and general lawn care of natural turf, the Grounds crews will groom the artificial turf twice a year and periodically infill rubber in high-traffic areas. Tarping the infield to protect it from weather events will no longer be a requirement.

All contracts for this project will be awarded in accordance with University policies and procedures.

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**Project Budget**

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| <b>Funding Source</b>                   |                    |
| 222391 Athletics Gifts Special Projects | \$100,000          |
| Philanthropic Sources                   | \$1,000,000        |
| <b>TOTAL Sources</b>                    | <b>\$1,100,000</b> |
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| <b>Expenditures Plan</b>                |                    |
| Design and consultant Fees              | \$80,500           |
| Construction                            | \$892,000          |
| Project Management Fees                 | \$40,000           |
| Contingency                             | \$87,500           |
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| <b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>               | <b>\$1,100,000</b> |