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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Amend the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program and the 2023 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled "Synthetic Turf Pitch and Putt Practice Area at Genesee Valley Park;" Authorize Financing for the Project; and Accept a Gift from PGA Foundation, Inc.

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program and the 2023 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "Synthetic Turf Pitch and Putt Practice Area at Genesee Valley Park" in the amount of \$500,000; authorize financing for the project in the amount of \$500,000; and accept a gift from PGA Foundation, Inc. (d.b.a. "PGA REACH") of at least \$250,000 to help fund this project.

PGA REACH, the charitable giving arm of the Professional Golfers' Association of America, through its "A Place to Play" program, targets charitable giving towards improvements at municipal golf courses and public parks in areas where major golf tournaments are held. In conjunction with Monroe County and the Oak Hill Country Club hosting the PGA Championship this year, the PGA sought to help fund a lasting improvement in the area through its foundation.

This synthetic turf "pitch and putt" area will be available for the use of organized groups seeking to provide instruction to beginners who face additional barriers to accessing the sport of golf. This includes such groups as disadvantaged youth, people with disabilities, and veterans. The "First Tee" program, which already operates instructional programming under a permit agreement with Monroe County at Genesee Valley Park, will be a natural user of this new facility. In addition, certified PGA professionals are required to earn a certain number of credits each year by performing volunteer and community-based activities, and this facility could become a magnet for professionals from throughout the PGA's Western New York region seeking to run programs to meet their credit requirements. The total estimated cost of this project is \$500,000.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program to add a project entitled “Synthetic Turf Pitch and Putt Practice Area at Genesee Valley Park” in the amount of \$500,000.
2. Amend the 2023 Capital Budget to add a project entitled “Synthetic Turf Pitch and Putt Practice Area at Genesee Valley Park” in the amount of \$500,000.
3. Authorize financing for the project entitled “Synthetic Turf Pitch and Putt Practice Area at Genesee Valley Park” in the amount of \$500,000.
4. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to accept a gift of at least \$250,000 in funding for the project, and to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with PGA Foundation, Inc.

The provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act shall be complied with prior to Your Honorable Body undertaking, funding, or approving the action requested in this referral.

Funding for this project, consistent with authorized uses, will be included in the capital fund to be created and in any other capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,



Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive