

On Mon, Aug 8, 2022 at 1:15 PM Michael Vaccaro <mvaccaro3817@gmail.com> wrote:

Good evening. My name is Mike Vaccaro. Apologies I cannot be here in person. I am currently out of the country on vacation.

I am writing to show support for the proposed baseball complex in Brewster NY.

I have lived in Buchanan (Cortlandt) for 26 years and involved in youth sports for over 35 years. I am a high school and youth sports referee for football and Wrestling as well as a youth baseball coach for 12 years. I was also the President of Cortlandt National Little League for 5 years. My point is, I have been around Youth Sports for a very long time. I have seen the growth, the positives, and of course some negatives.

I feel the development of a tournament style baseball complex in Brewster would be an extreme positive for the community, as well as surrounding local counties (NY/CT).

- There are hundreds of teams from our local area who would look to play there. That means their dollars otherwise spent in other states with facilities would stay local.
- The revenue brought in from other states would boost not only the surrounding areas, but impact for miles around. Restaurants, hotels, entertainment etc would all see a spike in revenue. A recent study featured on HBO Sports highlighted several areas that were saved by building similar facilities.
- Assuming the plans are well done, the traffic flow and impact of people coming in should be manageable. No different than a shopping mall, large multiplex etc.
- Lastly, the amount of joy, memories, experiences of youth bonding via baseball cannot be measured. We are talking about Americas pastime.

The people of Brewster should welcome such a positive impact to their community. Youth Sports in one of the fastest growing industries and Brewster should welcome being a part of it.

Cordially
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