June 29, 2022

To the Honorable Members
Of the Pawtucket City Council
137 Roosevelt Ave.
Pawtucket, RI 02860

RE: Morley Field - Security

Dear Council President and Honorable Members of the Pawtucket City Council:

At the June 22nd meeting of the Pawtucket City Council, Councilor DaRosa requested an understanding of the securing of Morley Field and what steps have already been taken on closing the field.

Out of an abundance of caution, due to the materials found during a Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) investigation of the property at 94 Moshassuck Street (Morley Field), the City of Pawtucket has closed access to the field using fencing, locks, and will be monitoring the access to the property. As this property was undergoing a site investigation for the proposed use by the developer JK Equities, there were materials found at the site. With those unearthed during the investigation, and in order to protect the residents who use the facility, we have installed fencing to cordon off the area along with locks on each of the gates.

The signage which is at the facility is required by RI DEM as the facility has undergone an investigation. We have moved all recreation which went through the permitting process that was at the field to others around the city in order to provide an uninterrupted recreation opportunity for our residents and organizations.

The Public Works Department has continuously monitored the site to ensure that it remains secure and that residents are safe and have added additional fencing to reinforce the fencing that currently exists along with signage indicating that the field is not open and closed to play or activities.

Please feel free to reach out with any additional questions and my office would be happy to address any concerns.

Sincerely,

David Clemente
Public Works Director