

Athletic Field Study Committee

Town of Swampscott

(November 22, 2012)

PUBLIC SURVEY

The Athletic Field Study Committee is conducting an *informal* public survey to help determine the best approach to address the condition of Blocksidge Field and other athletic fields in Swampscott. Please take a minute to answer the following questions:

1. **Field Conditions:** Do you believe that the overall athletic field *conditions* in Swampscott are satisfactory?
Yes **13%** No **87%**
2. **New Field:** Would you like to see a *new*, multi-sport athletic field installed in town?
Yes **96%** No **3%**
3. **Location:** If yes, would you like that new field to be installed at *Blocksidge Field*, at *Upper Jackson*, or at another location?
Blocksidge Field **82%** Upper Jackson **9%**
Other **4%**
4. **Artificial Turf or Natural Grass:** Would you like the field to be made of *artificial turf* or *natural grass*?
Artificial turf **72%** Natural Grass **18%**
5. **Type of Infill:** Should an artificial turf's infill consist of:
 - a. crumb rubber from recycled tires **27%**
 - b. manufactured thermoplastic **6%**
 - c. organic material (e.g., coconut fibers and cork) **6%**
 - d. Need more information **61%**
6. **Grandstands:** Assuming the cost is the same, would you prefer smaller *grandstands* on both sides of the field or larger ones on the home side of the field alone?
Both sides **79%** Home side alone **16%**
7. **Lighting:** Should the new field have lighting for night games and/or practices?
Yes **97%** No **0%**
8. **Phased Construction:** In what order would you phase in the construction (if each phase is done in separate years)? Please rank 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Field:	31% (1st)	Lights:	11% (1st)	Grandstands:	10% (1st)	All at once	48%
	11% (2nd)		15% (2nd)		18% (2nd)		
	5% (3rd)		21% (3rd)		18% (3rd)		
9. **Financing:** Assuming no increased taxes, should the town pay for construction of:
 - a. Field: Yes **81%** No **19%**
 - b. Lights: Yes **76%** No **24%**
 - c. Grandstands: Yes **87%** No **13%**
 - d. None (have the private sector raise the funds for all of the above): **3%**

If you would like the results of this survey, please provide your email address_____

Comments: **Percentages based on 67 completed surveys. Blanks account for those percentages that do not equal 100%.**

Comments from Participants:
Equal size stands on both sides;

Long overdue;

It's a disgrace for a town such as Swampscott to have a field like this;

We are desperate for a turf field!;

Good luck with this!;

Get it done;

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

*Happy Thanksgiving!;
Good luck!
This town needs a new field;
Go Big Blue!;
Always helpful [to have it all done by the private sector];
Corporate sponsors instead of taxes!;
Needs to happen.*

The Athletic Field Study Committee thanks you for taking the time to complete this informal survey.

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