

**Mass Youth Soccer Association Special Membership Meeting October 3, 2021
Via Zoom Webinar**

Call to Order

Bob Trudeau, President of Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association (“MYSA”), called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Introductions and Welcome

Bob Trudeau thanked attendees for attending the Special Membership Meeting and then introduced the panelists (Mike Borislow, David Amidon, Caryn Goulet, Rob Holliday and Lynn Gugliuzza).

Bob stated that the purpose of the meeting which was to remain in compliance with Section 4.06. of the Constitution and to consider approval by the membership of more than \$100K for improvements to the Progin Park field complex facility in Lancaster. Bob further noted that a full explanation of the projected \$2.5M in necessary improvements were previously emailed to the membership including a video outlining the needs, options, and prospective costs. He also noted that these had been posted on the MYSA website since September 2, 2021.

An initial test was conducted via the NemoVote platform of the attendees to ensure its operation and determined to have been successfully tested. As a part of the test vote, (40) voting delegates (member organizations) participated. A second test was conducted via the NemoVote platform in response to a couple attendees who had not yet executed their NemoVote.

Credentials Report: MYSA’s total membership represents 330 member organizations. By the organization’s by-laws, a quorum is considered 7 1/2 % or 24 member organizations. In attendance for the Special Membership Meeting at the time of the Credential Report were 40 voting delegates (member organizations) present as evidenced by the second NemoVote and therefore a quorum was declared present. Based on the attending membership at that time, there were 113 total weighted votes in attendance. As a result, a simple majority was considered to be 57 votes.

MOTION: by David Amidon, second by David Dalrymple to approve expenditure of an amount, not to exceed \$2.5M, for the total replacement of the 5 turf fields and necessary improvements and deferred maintenance of the Progin Park complex in Lancaster, MA.

DISCUSSION:

The question was asked whether membership fees would increase to support the proposed loans. Bob acknowledged that he was aware confusion on this point existed leading up to the meeting but confirmed that no new membership fee increase was being proposed or considered specific to the field replacement and complex improvements. Additionally, a question was raised about the proposed additional \$500K over and above the \$2.5M projection for the repairs and improvements and asked where the funding for the additional \$500K was coming from? Thomas Ringler, Treasurer pointed to the consolidation aspect of the model and the target for the debt service on the new loan of a not to exceed amount of \$400K per year for the next ten years, noting that the funding for the additional \$500K was included in this model.

Lastly, Bob was asked to explain the other improvements and deferred maintenance items needed and what portion of the cost would be directed towards them. Bob replied that the additional \$500K would go to roadway and culvert repairs at the entrance of the complex as well as the roadway at the triangular intersection. He added that it would also cover necessary grading for both parking lots as well as repair and support for the switchback stairs. Mike Borislow, Executive Director also added that water erosion damage around the pavilion would be addressed in this process.

UPDATED CREDENTIALS: By the time the final NemoVote was cast on the above motion, two additional voting delegates (member organizations) had joined, totaling 42 and bringing the total weighted votes in attendance to 122 and simple majority equaling 62.

VOTE: According to the NewoVote on the above motion, the results of which all voting delegates (member organizations) could view were 118 in favor, 4 votes against and no abstentions. Motion passed by majority vote.

Closing remarks: Bob thanked the attendees for their participation and support along with the Mass Youth Board and staff for their efforts.

MOTION: By Caryn Goulet, second by Thomas Ringler to adjourn and Bob declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn Goulet