

Synthetic field installation to start in July at Riverside Park

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Installation of two synthetic fields at Riverside Park is expected to start in July.

Sod removal is scheduled to begin by the end of May, with the synthetic field installation set for mid-July.

The Anderson Township Park District set the tentative timeline at last night's Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Park District Executive Director Ken Kushner said the district will remove 165,000 square feet of sod.

The Park District will give a portion of that sod to Anderson Township for use around the Anderson Center in exchange for a dump truck.

The synthetic fields are estimated to cost more than \$1 million, which includes the fields, parking lot and lighting.

There will be six light poles around the fields and the Anderson Township Board of Zoning Appeals recently put a restriction that there be no lights on after midnight.

Park Commission President Dale Bartholomew said these lights will not create the haze of light commonly seen at sports stadiums.

Park Commissioner Duffy Beischel said they will use the first few months of the field's operation to determine the impact the lights have on the nearest neighbor.

Kushner said the fields - two soccer fields with a football field overlay - will have permanent football uprights and portable soccer goals.

The field will also be suitable for rugby and lacrosse, Kushner said.

Riverside Park is located on Round Bottom Road.



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