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## Anderson Twp. Park District weighs options for sewer line

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The Metropolitan Sewer District's plan for a new sewer line along Round Bottom Road could disrupt Riverside Park.

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Tony Dick, project engineer for the sewer district, said the Dry Run Phase 2 line would bring a sanitary sewer to businesses and residences in the northern part of Anderson Township.

Part of the \$6.4-million project runs along Riverside Park and Ken Kushner, executive director for the Anderson Township Park District, said there are some concerns about potential disruption and revenue loss.

"They want to bring a utility through that's needed and ... we have to make sure we're doing what's right for the public's property down there," he said.

"For us, the main thing is that if something happens, to grow grass that people play on there takes nine months to a year, so we've lost that area for a long time and that could be a problem for us with the amount of play that goes on here in Anderson Township. Then again, it might not be a problem at all."

Kushner said the MSD offered the park district \$35,000 for the easements needed on the property to install the sewer, but are still in negotiations.

According to meeting minutes from earlier this year, other concerns include the project altering the drainage and the aquifer that may not recover after disruption.

"Obviously with a park, we recognize the fact that they have sporting events they need to keep going," Dick said.

He said the sewer district can break the project into portions and is working with the park district to minimize disruption. The project is scheduled to start in 2010.

Kushner said the park district is working on an appraisal for the portion of Riverside Park that would be affected by the sewer installation.

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