



Anderson Twp. synthetic fields nearing completion

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The new synthetic football and soccer fields at Riverside Park should be open for play in the next month.

Crews are currently laying the turf for the 165,000-square-foot playing area off Round Bottom Road, which will have two full-size football fields and a soccer field overlay.

Anderson Township Park District Operations Manager Mike Smith said once crews finish laying the turf it will be filled with a silica-coated sand called Envirofill that will make the fields feel more like natural grass.

The park commissioners adopted the field rental agreement and policy that details the permit process, priority classification, applicable fees and other details at last night's meeting.

The Park District will rent the new synthetic fields from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day.

Rental times include set-up, warm-up and take-down or clean-up time and fields will be allocated based on priority.

Park district youth or adult athletic programs of leagues, or Park-District sponsored event will have the first opportunities to use the fields.

Nonprofit youth organizations based in Anderson Township will be next on the priority list and general youth users, select programs and adult users fall into group three.

For-profit organizations, tournaments, clinics and camps with paid staff or trainers are also in

the last group.

Ken Kushner, executive director for the Anderson Township Park District, said a few games are already scheduled shortly after the planned Sept. 27 opening.

The fields are estimated to cost taxpayers more than \$1 million.



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Crews lay down the synthetic turf field at Riverside Park on Round Bottom Road in Anderson Township. The fields are expected to be complete by Sept. 27.

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