



# New playground for Lavery Park

Kushner said the current playground is at least 20 years old.

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Lavery Park will get an upgrade later this year.

Ken Kushner, executive director of the Anderson Township Park District, said they plan to remove the current play equipment in the next couple months.

Park district officials recently received a \$34,802 grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the playground.

Kushner said the new equipment and installation will cost about \$75,000.

After an open house and input from nearby residents, the park district officials picked the new playground, which has slides, climbing structures and swings.

It should be ready for play by next spring.

"It has a lot of lower elements and a lot of play value," Kushner said of the new playground. "The kids really liked it and connected with it."

Da'Andre Hadnot, 11, who lives near Lavery Park, said he likes the new design and thinks his younger sister will love the new playground.

Hadnot added that he's glad the basketball court will stay because he plays there often with his brother.

Cat Robinson, who also lives near the park, said the new playground will be much nicer than the current one at Lavery Park.

"The kids don't go down there much, but I think it will be more popular with the new equipment," she said.



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