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## Playground to be added to Greenfield Twp. park



The Greenfield Twp. Community Park and Veterans Memorial pictured Thursday, May 29, 2025. The park committee expects to put in a playground at the site this summer. (Christine Lee/Staff Photo)



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A new playground will give Greenfield Twp. residents another amenity to enjoy at a growing park.

Officials plan to put in the playground at the Greenfield Twp. Community Park and Veterans Memorial this summer. The 43-by-28-foot structure will include multiple slides, a tunnel, monkey bars, ladders and a cozy cocoon, a spinning, enclosed circular structure.

It will be located near the dog park and parking lot, with a walkway between the dog park and the playground.

The playground costs \$71,000, with a \$60,000 grant from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and \$30,000 from the township covering the costs.

Patty Apostolakes, the project manager, said planning for the playground took the park committee a year to complete. They selected the vendor, Lewisburg-based Playworld, and purchased the equipment in March.

She expects Playworld crews will deliver the equipment in the next month, with a groundbreaking ceremony taking place once it arrives. She anticipates it will be completed by August.

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The playground is the second phase of the 4.5-acre park's development. The first phase began in 2023 with the construction a 2,000-square-foot triangular veterans monument, walking trail and parking lot. The park also includes a dog park.

Apostolakes plans to seek funding for the park's third phase, a pavilion beside the playground. The committee also wants to add swings and benches to the playground.

She said with more people using the dog park and walking trail as the weather warms up, she anticipates the playground will be well received.

"There's a lot of health benefits just being out in the fresh air and with this playground, I think we'll just start to see that more in use," Apostolakes said.

Lubash said the playground's location in the park is more centralized for residents. He said it's been well received.

"We have a lot of positive feedback from the citizens of the township," he said.

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