

City of Westlake Celebrates Grand Opening of Parkside Athletic Field Complex

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WESTLAKE, OH – The City of Westlake officially opened the new Parkside Athletic Field Complex on Saturday, October 25, transforming the former Parkside Elementary School site into a premier destination for youth athletics.

Mayor Dennis Clough joined City Council members, local families, and young athletes for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m., marking the culmination of nearly a decade of planning and community investment.

"This complex represents more than new fields—it represents our commitment to providing top-class recreational opportunities for our children and families," said Mayor Clough. "We're grateful to our residents for supporting this vision, and we're excited to see these fields come alive with activity for years to come."

A Community Investment

The project began with a master plan study in 2015, followed by resident approval of levy funds in 2017. A \$1 million Cuyahoga County ARPA grant enabled demolition of the former school and construction of the new facility.

The city's Engineering, Recreation, and Service Departments collaborated with OSports/Osborn Engineering, RJ Platten Contracting Company, FieldTurf, and the Vasco Group.

Ohio's First

After extensive research, Westlake selected FieldTurf's Vertix Core Blended Turf paired with CoolCob infill—making this the first facility in Ohio to feature this innovative material. CoolCob, made from corn cobs, is biodegradable and naturally keeps the playing surface cooler while providing superior performance and safety.

A New Home for Youth Sports

The complex will serve Westlake Youth Soccer, Westlake Youth Football, and other local programs, providing a professional-grade venue for practices, games, and tournaments.

Saturday's celebration featured skills demonstrations, refreshments from Rocheck Concessions and local scouts, inflatables from Ohio Mobile Gaming, and Kona Ice. Scouts led the raising of the American flag.

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