

# Plans in the works for dog park

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Tails may soon be wagging in one of Anderson Township's parks.

Residents are working with the park district to bring a dog park to the township.

"My wife and I both feel like there's so many parks in Anderson. A dog park should be part of it," said Shawn Wiseman, an Anderson Township resident working on the citizen commit-

tee.

"We'd like to have one in our back yard," he said.

Currently, Wiseman said he visits dog parks in Mason and Mt. Airy.

Anderson Park District Executive Director Molly McClure said the idea for a dog park has been driven by residents.

She said community members are looking for a place to exercise their pets.

Dog parks are one of the fastest-growing trends in park

amenities, McClure said.

While the park district will help plan the dog park and maintain the future site, its creation will be paid for by the citizen committee's fund-raising.

So far, a budget hasn't been set, Wiseman said.

The committee is working on determining which park would be the best site for the dog park.

Later, they will decide what kinds of features they would like for the dog park, he said.

McClure said the committee is rating the pros and cons of the

park district's land, including accessibility, parking and interference with other park users.

She said dog parks usually have a fenced containment area at the entrance and a minimum of a two-acre pasture. Some separate large and small dogs in different areas, she said.

Other features can include water sources, park benches, specialized sculptures, areas for Frisbee-throwing and a place to wash off dogs, McClure said.

To work with the committee, call 474-0003 ext. 3017.