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**Monessen Residents Seek to Establish Dog Park**

MONESSEN – Residents in Monessen are working with City Officials to establish a new Dog Park, which will be located in a portion of Monessen City Park. Recently, there has been increased interest in establishing a dog park in Monessen. The park would be open to the public, and would serve Monessen and surrounding communities. Organizers are currently working on a plan to make sure rules and procedures, and a maintenance plan is in place.

Many people already walk their pets in Monessen City Park and the surrounding area. A dedicated dog park within City Park would provide a safe place for residents to take their dogs. The plan is to create the dog park at no cost to the taxpayers. Mayor Matt Shorraw said he is exploring grant options to help fund the endeavor. Organizers are also hoping to secure donations to help fund the project. Mayor Shorraw says he foresees the biggest costs being associated with the purchase and installation of fence, running a water line, and providing electricity and lighting. The area would also provide increased overflow parking for the City Park.

Organizers hope to have the project started by the end of the summer. If you are interested in being involved and donating, you may contact Monessen City Hall for more information.

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