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[Suggested Tweet: September 9-6:30PM-Hager Park. Public Meeting to Discuss Off-Leash Dog Park at Grand Ravines. Speak!]

Speak: Public Meeting to Discuss Off-Leash Dog Park

On Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30PM at Hager Park, Ottawa County Parks officials will propose a new off-leash dog park. The public is encouraged to attend and weigh-in on the plans for nearby Grand Ravines Park. Ottawa County Parks is planning many improvements at its 187-acre Grand Ravines County Park in Georgetown Township. Along with an off-leash dog area, plans call for trails for hiking and biking, ravine overlooks, a lodge along the Grand River, access for fishing and kayaking and more. Although the plan identifies an area for the future dog park, not all details have been determined. This meeting is intended to present a concept for the dog park and get input from the public.

For many years the park was limited to 68 undeveloped acres on Fillmore Street where dogs have been allowed off-leash. With its expansion to 187 acres and major improvements ahead, the site is transitioning from an undeveloped "open space" to county park with rules requiring dogs be on a leash. However, the Parks Commission intends to establish a formal off-leash dog park at the site with fences separating the dog park from general public use areas. Preliminary plans call for fencing turf areas for active play with dogs plus a larger area with trails for hiking--similar to the use many dog owners currently enjoy at the site. Park staff will review current plans for the off-leash dog park and the types of amenities under consideration.

Hager Park is located at 8350 28th Avenue in Jenison. The meeting will be held in the VanderLaan Room. Comments and questions are welcome at the meeting or by contacting the County Park office at (616) 738-4810 or email at ocparks@miOttawa.org.

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