

## Schuetz land option to be reconsidered

On Monday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m., at the Municipal Center, the Village Board will reconsider the Schuetz Parkland option to purchase.

It is critical that supporters attend this meeting in very large numbers. For updated information and a small sign you can print and bring with you, go to [www.forwardmcfarland.info](http://www.forwardmcfarland.info).

Eighty-two percent of this purchase will be paid for by the state, the county and the Town of Dunn. Their combined grants total \$735,203.

Every penny of that huge amount is at risk if the Board majority votes NO again. The remaining 18 percent will be paid for by developers in the form of fees in lieu of parkland dedication. No tax money will be needed.

I have spent the last six months preparing and giving four informational presentations as well as circulating petitions in support of the Schuetz Parkland purchase.

Hundreds have stepped forward to help this effort succeed. I thank each of them for their work and their commitment to McFarland's future. I know that most of them will try to be there on Feb. 26.

Les and Reva Schuetz have remained steadfast throughout this frustrating process. Les has attended every presentation, and much to my delight, Reva attended the last one.

They were warmly applauded by the audience, every one of whom understood the strain this

generous couple has been under. I'm confident that Les will be there on Feb. 26.

All of the candidates for village office who have supported the Schuetz Parkland purchase from the outset will be there. They are Kate Barrett, Dave Crane and Sharon Payne, candidates for Trustee, and Mike Harried, candidate for President. State Senator Mark Miller will be there.

Friends, this is the final test. Chris Klar, Kevin Wernet and Gordon Kensingaard voted NO last August. Along with Steve Jackson, not on the Board in August, they comprise the Board majority. On Feb. 26, a single vote must change. Your presence in the room may be the one that tips the scale for one of these men.

Les Schuetz will be there, Village Board candidates will be there, State Senator Mark Miller will be there, volunteers will be there and your neighbors will be there. I'll be there. Will you be there, too?

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