

**What's going on here concerning the village purchase of**

**the Schuetz Parkland?**

**Question:** Do the land owners want to sell their apple orchard to the village?

**Answer:** Yes. The village has an agreement option to purchase the land.

**Q:** Is it true that 79% of the purchase price will be paid by somebody else?

**A:** Yes. The state, the county, and Town of Dunn have said, "We will pay."

**Q:** Who on the village board voted to pay \$163,500 for the parkland in August, 2006.

**A:** Trustee Gordon Kenggaard

**Q:** Does the village have to use property taxes to pay the balance?

**A:** Not a penny of property tax will be used to pay the balance.

**Q:** Who is paying the balance?

**A:** The developers. They pay into a fund to purchase parkland

when they agree with the village on a new subdivision.

**Q:** Will a new subdivision ever be built in McFarland again?

**A:** You can answer that one for yourself.

**Q:** Will the money paid by developers come in time to pay the land owners the balance?

**A:** The land owner has said he would wait for the balance due. "Just pay me as you receive the fees from the developers," he said. What a deal!

**Q:** Who voted for the increased property taxes you've just paid? And, whose vote made McFarland the 4th highest taxed village among the 19 villages in Dane County?

**A:** The same guy who now says he wants to protect us from any tax increases Gordon Kenggaard. What's going on here?

**Q:** Does Gordon's position on the Schuetz Parkland fly in the face of common sense?

**A:** Many, many village residents can't understand why he is not living up to the agreement the village has made with the land owners? People can only wonder what hidden reason is at play.

**Q:** If it's not parkland, will it be bought by a developer and made into super-expensive homes.

**A:** You bet it will. We'll lose the parkland, and a developer and his buddies will get rich at our expense.

So, if you want this apple orchard as parkland and not as a developer's paradise, you can tell Gordon yourself. Gordon Kenggaard will be on the ballot April 3rd.

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