



Letters to the Editor

If you're not outraged you're not paying attention

The bumper sticker that reads "If you're not outraged then you're not paying attention" could certainly apply to the politics of McFarland.

One need only follow the events around the Schuetz property acquisition to realize that self interests are involved for personal profit.

What I find deeply disturbing are comments by board members Wernet and Kenggaard, former Board member Havlik, and Village President Chris Klar.

Their misleading comments include whether or not this piece of property could be developed, which is almost laughable if the stakes weren't so high.

They continue to cite the costs issue when they know full well that acquisition costs will be covered through the fees in lieu of park land dedication, due to be collected when the plats for the two new subdivisions are approved.

They've suggested that those board members who voted in favor of the purchase were acting for special interests. What I'd like to know is what part of public park land is special interest?

Those of us who came to express our support for purchasing the property were told we should provide private donations toward this purchase if it was so important to us.

For someone who has spent countless volunteer hours helping to take care of one of the village's

parks, it was the equivalent of a slap in the face.

The village has adopted a Master Plan after years of public comment and planning. This piece of property was identified and agreed upon as a key piece of park land for meeting the village's needs.

Results of a recent survey indicated that McFarland residents feel additional park land acquisition is a high priority. That Klar, Kenggaard and Wernet would use private donations as a barometer on how important this is to people just demonstrates their lack of vision.

Village residents will by far be the largest beneficiaries of the park. So I applaud current board members, Patrick Miles, Jennifer Kushner and Jennifer Heaton-Amrhein, for voting in the best interests of ALL of McFarland residents. But then isn't that what village board members are elected to do?

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