



— Photo from Donald Reeb

Standing where a wall would be, McKownville residents help others to visualize a proposed parking lot at Stuyvesant Plaza in Guilderland.

Little of our park will remain if new lot is built

To the Editor:

This photo shows a line of people on your left — they are standing where the wall will be for the parking lot if the parking lot proposed by Stuyvesant Plaza is built.

The wall will be over 12 feet high counting the fence on top of the wall — the wall itself will be about five feet high.

Look from where the line of people on your left is, then go all the way to the red boards on your right (the red boards are a fence for TGIF trucks): The area between the people and the red fence will be leveled out and filled with dirt up to five feet high; the cars will park on top of the dirt. And then it will be paved.

You can see the path for the park, bordered by a split-rail fence, behind the line of people and how very little of the park

will remain when the wall and parking lot are built.

You can also see several of the trees that are tagged with plastic yellow and pink ties, in the foreground; these are among the large trees that are tagged. They are some of the ones to be cut down to make room for the parking lot.

The distance from where the line of people are standing to the red boards on the right is a little more than 44 feet. That is as wide as many of our home sites; my yard is 52 feet wide.

The park portion that would be taken by the parking lot is mostly in the “green lawn” portion of the park. This green lawn portion to be taken measures about 44 feet wide and 244 feet long..

Finally, the first person in the line is holding up a pole (with a white flag on top) to show the viewer how high the top of the

fence will be on top of the wall and the cars that will be parked in back of the fence. People walking in the park will be walking very near the wall with the fence on top and cars behind the fence.

Go look for yourself. The stakes are there and marked. The proposed wall juts in and out at one point so don't be confused that the wooden stakes marking the location of the wall are not in a straight line.

Remember, the agenda item for the zoning board meeting on April 3 at 7:30 p.m. that was to discuss the Stuyvesant Plaza parking lot has been delayed until further notice.

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Editor's note: Donald Reeb is president of the McKownville Improvement Association.