

I think that you know my position concerning the proposed parking lot for Stuyvesant Plaza.

I am opposed.

The reasons for my opposition are known also and can be quickly summarized.

I believe the McKownville Water District property became a park at least as long ago as 1978 (see the letter from Carl Walters in the papers submitted to the ZBA) and therefore the easement granted in 2009 is not valid.

Moreover, the parking lot provides no significant benefit to Guilderland residents and it reduces the area of the McKownville park.

Additionally, Stuyvesant Plaza has spent thousands of dollars preparing plans submitted to the Zoning Board and will spend hundreds of thousands more for the wall and other construction materials and labor for something of dubious benefit to the present and future Plaza owners.

Both the public and the Plaza owners would be better off if the project was withdrawn or aborted?

Failing these—it is my hope that the proposed retaining wall be reduced in height, the ingress and egress be only at the western end of the easement area, that the path at the western end be much improved, and that native plants be used exclusively and plentifully in the area.

The Zoning Board has received many other suggestions from other McKownville residents, the Town designated engineer and others. I am confident that the Board will consider each suggestion on its own merits as it has in past decisions by this Board.

Thank you.

Don Reeb, June 5, 2013

