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# TOWN OF GUILDERLAND

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Kevin A. Moss, Supervisor

FROM: Dennis Moore, Director of Parks/Recreation

SUBJECT:

OFFICE

DATE May 25, 1983

I met with the McKownville Improvement Association on May 19, 1983 to present the status of application for state funds and to get input from the local residents.

The following concerns were voiced:

1. Buffer Zone: Residents would like a 50' buffer zone with densely planted shrubbery and fence on our side of the property. Use of natural elevation should be utilized.
2. Cost of operations: A budget for this park will be developed at budget time (September). The Town board has committed themselves to a high standard of maintenance and security which will require a substantial financial committment.
3. Parking: A small parking area will be provided. An early estimate of 20 to 25 cars will be planned for.
4. Access: Access will be limited to an entrance off Schoolhouse Road. Admittedly this is not ideal, but we will have to live with it. No through traffic to McKown Road is planned. Residents were very concerned about left hand turns from park. They also expressed concern about access through the Oak Drive lots. No right of way will be allowed from Oak Drive. There will be a walking path from Dr. Campiones presently..
5. Long Range Plans: Residents would like a development plan for the future. I suggested that a rough development plan would include picnic tables, soccer or playing field, softball field and childrens playground. Future development of the Campione property could possibly enlarge the park.
6. Communication: Residents were concerned about staying informed about status of application. They also would like to meet this summer for a site inspection with Kevin and Town Board. I will keep them informed by sending information as we get it from the State.
7. Zoning: Residents would like a description of the possible zoning changes that could take place. They also wanted to know if any "deals" had taken place with the zoning. I assured them that to the best of my knowledge no deals had taken place and that zoning changes must be authorized by the Town Board.

SUMMARY: The residents are very concerned about changes to their neighborhood. Oak Drive is a very quiet beautiful residential area and the residents wish to keep it that way. Beacuse of their vociferous reaction to the proposed park it seemed that at first their reaction was negative. As the discussion progressed it became apparant that their feelings were more positive, especially when assured that the concerns would be taken care of with careful development plans. I feel the residents will support the park idea and plans.