

Memo

To: Village Board
From: Debbie Baenen, Clerk-Treasurer
Re: Petition regarding the use of Hilltop Apartment property
Date: October 10, 2013

41 signed petitions (sample below) were delivered to the Village Hall on October 7, 2013 expressing their belief that the best use of the property would be to become a green space and eliminate the past and future problems they have encountered.

August 28, 2013

RE: Petition

Good afternoon Hilltop and Somerset residents,

Have you noticed how quiet the neighborhood has become since the Hilltop Apartments are no longer for rent? No more cars exceeding the speed limit threatening our children, no more ambulance rescue and police calls, the drug dealer, after bar time late-night parties, excessive litter and noise are gone. People moving in and out on a regular monthly basis who have no vested interest in maintaining the property nor the neighborhood (maybe they have come to realize that splitting the rent by two at \$500 a month doesn't attract quality neighbors).

We now have the opportunity to create a green space where our children can gather and play without having to cross busy E. River Dr. and Libal Street.

The lost tax revenue to the Village is of course an issue and we respectfully ask the Village Trustees to do the hard work and look for various grants that are available and apply for them, before taking the easy way out and zoning the land for the same purpose to the same developer and/or other developers who will have the only goal to maximize their profits with without regard to the neighborhood safety and property values.

We're asking for your help by authorizing a petition to express our beliefs that the best use of this property would be to become a green space and eliminate the past and future problems we have encountered.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter and hopefully your endorsement of such a goal is attainable and becomes reality. Please sign this letter with your address and return to us,(postage free), and we will personally forward it the Village at the next meeting.

Sincerely,



Mike Moore