

## **Kensgaard calls for an independent investigation**

Former McFarland Trustee Gordon Kensgaard spoke at the board meeting.

"In order to set the record straight concerning my actions for the citizens of McFarland, and since this board refuses to read my letters, I offer the following facts," said Kensgaard.

Kensgaard spoke of Harried's letter to the editor, which appeared in The McFarland Thistle.

Kensgaard refuted the statement that Harried made in the letter concerning that Kensgaard had not requested a full accounting from The Friends of McFarland Playgrounds.

"In February of 2008, under board instruction and as appointed board representative to the group, I met with Mr. Green of the Friends of McFarland Playgrounds for the purpose of securing an accounting for the playground fundraiser," said Kensgaard.

Kensgaard said that Green refused to provide him with any documentation stating that the information had already been shown to Harried.

The board responded to Kensgaard's statement (the entire letter is reprinted in the opinion section of The McFarland Thistle.)

"What is the board trying to hide?" asked Kensgaard.

"We said we wanted a full accounting," said Barrett.

"I don't have access to any accounting," said Kensgaard. "I will repeat my demand for a separate independent investigation. When can I expect an investigation?"

"The DA declined to investigate," said Harried.

"Why not have a separate investigation of Mr. Green," said Kensgaard. "My complaint has nothing to do with Mr. Green."

"Are there two different issues here?" asked Harried.

"I support an investigation of Green and the Friends of McFarland Playgrounds to get a

full accounting," said Kenggaard.

Kenggaard said the other issue is his complaint that village officials smeared his name while knowing he had nothing to do with the financial accounting for the Friends of McFarland Playgrounds.

Kenggaard said he hand-delivered his complaint to the Ethics Board chairperson.

"I would like an independent board to investigate," said Kenggaard. Kenggaard repeated his demand, saying "Shame on you."