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# 'Uncommon nonsense' about logging

Mr. Robert Overdorff is to be congratulated on his re-election.

However, it is uncommon nonsense to interpret the recent election as issuing a "clean bill of health" for the White Township supervisors and their governance as stated in supervisor George Lenz's Nov. 13 letter to The Indiana Gazette.

Common sense suggests that a well-known incumbent who is both chairman of the board of supervisors and has served on the board for nearly 16 years has a distinct advantage in elections.

Common sense suggests that a previously unknown candidate that begins without a committee, without funds and without party affilia-

tion has a poor chance of success.

It is distinctly against common sense that this candidate could then capture 41 percent of the vote against a formidable foe. How many demonstrations of the unhappiness of so many citizens of White Township do we need before common sense suggests there is a problem?

It is uncommon nonsense to suggest a management plan developed without consulting park management specialists and calling for logging 21 percent of the largest (most valuable) trees in an ongoing cycle can be a "true supporter of and friend to White's Woods."

Rather, this plan is in direct opposition to the conservation and recreational purposes of the park

and in direct violation of the Project 70 law used by the supervisors to purchase the park land.

The supervisors have every right to feel good about the many contributions they have made to White Township.

But the recent vote and several prior expressions of concern among the township's citizens indicate they are not as responsive to these concerns as many would like. It is time to consult, it is time to include all viewpoints in such critical issues as the future of our parks, and it is time for the supervisors to be more responsive to the electorate.

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