

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Common Sense still leads in White Township

Today, I rejoiced because my beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has guided me during the 34 years I have had the privilege of serving as a White Township supervisor and member of the White Township Planning Commission, is alive and healthy.

It appeared that Common Sense was about to leave the White Township meeting room. Common Sense has been with us for many years in White Township. No one knows for sure how old he is since his desire to serve the township was ongoing.

Common Sense was Cliff's, Rocco's, Ford's, Jerry's, Clyde's, and other former supervisors' friend. Common Sense is now guiding Bob's, Jerry's, Gene's, Gail's, and George's setting of policy for the township.

I honestly thought the voters had forgotten Mr. Sense's con-

tributions to White Township, but I was wrong. Common Sense has made it possible for White Township to successfully operate with great infrastructure, recreation facilities superior to most, and a totally open, well-managed government.

And imagine this! Mr. Sense informed me that the 2008 budget will continue the tradition of not imposing a real estate tax in White Township to support the municipal government.

Common Sense taught me simple, sound financial policies: Don't spend more than you earn, and reliable leadership requires that you do what you know in your heart is best for the community.

There was opposition to the creation of the White Township Recreation Complex and the acquisition of the Ice and Exposition Center. The expansion of

sewage and water service to various sections of the township, especially the East Pike and airport areas, drew organized resistance. Mr. Sense pushed ahead and we have a stronger, more viable township because of it.

Common Sense's health began to rapidly deteriorate when well-intentioned people set in place a challenge to the board of supervisors' desire to manage the township owned properties including, but not limited to, White's Woods.

The gypsy moth has destroyed large tracts of oak trees that should have been harvested. This permitted less desirable species of trees to dominate the forest and deer to destroy the new growth.

These acts have motivated the supervisors to hire professionals to study what is in the best, long-term interest of the woods

and citizens of White Township. Open hunting as well as select cuttings are options for White's Woods.

The supervisors have a responsibility to properly manage all township owned property to the benefit of *all* segments of the population for generations to come.

Common Sense dominated our township elections and the voters gave him a clean bill of health. The well-intentioned citizens group that launched a negative campaign against Common Sense will be back in two years, but for two years we will again enjoy a local government run by and with Common Sense.

Common Sense, in the long run, will prove to be a true supporter of and friend to White's Woods.

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