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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Resident questions White's Woods offer

At the White Township supervisors' meeting of June 27, I was delighted to hear Susan Dahlheimer, acting chairwoman of Friends of White's Woods, announce that her group was taking steps to purchase White's Woods.

At last! Friends of White's Woods, who seem to know everything necessary to manage this type of property, was going to step up and be the proper caretakers of it.

Only when I read the newspaper report did I learn that the group's members did not want the responsibility of being landlords. They only want to be the conduit for a sale to get it away from White Township ownership.

My hopes were dashed.

That they would be willing to turn it over to an absentee landlord seems to be the antithesis of what they profess to want — control!

Even more frightening is the threat by an Indiana Borough resident to take legal action if they don't get their way. White Township could be hit with having to defend against a costly lawsuit because many years ago they wanted to protect that property for future generations.

That, believe it or not, is still the goal of the White Township supervisors.

As for Indiana Borough residents who believe they can claim ownership in the White's Woods property because some of it lies in the borough: Are property deeds not recognized by the Indiana Borough? Why not have your borough council buy that section of the property to create your own park for borough residents?

Why is it that only the much-maligned White Township supervisors are responsible for recreation areas for Indiana Borough residents?

Finally, to the FWW, please clarify your statement about "Sixty-nine percent — etc." Anything less than the actual number of respondents makes that statement pure, misleading propaganda.

Also, yes, some people have been loud many times in this case, but unless the rules for determining majority have changed since I learned them, even 500 signatures cannot possibly be construed as an "overwhelming majority" when there are 9,937 registered voters in White Township.

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