

▶ **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR****Team concept leads people to greatness – and ‘Dream Team’ knows it**

Paul Francis stated on the Fred LeFebvre show that “Trudy Hersberger, Greg Stewart and himself think alike on many things, disagree on many things,” but they are not running as a team. He said, “I don’t think a team ought to be put into office.”

How odd to be “proud of not being a team.” The concept of teams has been around for thousands of years. American soldiers fought in World War I, World War II and Vietnam as a team to survive, and teamwork also helped NASA put a man on the moon. I shudder to think how Bo Schembechler, Urban Meyer and the Cleveland Cavaliers could have triumphed without teamwork. These athletes, businesses and U.S. armed forces were proud to be a part of a team.

The lack of teamwork is evident at the township hall meetings, where Greg Stewart longs for civility.

There is little cooperation, lack of preparedness at every meeting and month after month of unresolved issues.

Paul Francis is right — incumbent full-time board members are not a team. How frustrating for trustees who are part time and consistently prepared for these meetings to show up to mass confusion. What would Woody Hayes say to these full-timers’ lack of preparation? “Perfect preparation prevents poor performance.”

Time and time again, these incumbents make it seem like it takes a rocket scientist from NASA to fill their positions. Sure, having a CPA is nice but not necessary for the treasurer’s job. Experience in banking, real and property taxes and depositories will get the job done. Experience is not the be-all end-all. It takes pride, morals, ethics, enthusiasm, commitment, a

passion to work for the community and teamwork.

Maybe Paul Francis should adopt Schembechler’s philosophy: “No man is more important than the team. No coach is more important than the team. The team, the team, the team, and if we think that way, all of us, everything that you do, you take into the consideration what effect does it have on my team.” Or Woody Hayes’ famous quote: “Even the best team without a sound plan can’t score. The height of human desire is what wins, whether on the beaches of Normandy or in the Ohio stadium.”

I rest my case. Vote David Dunningan and the Dream Team, who are dedicated, passionate, qualified and prepared for the challenge ahead of them.

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