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I AM HERE THIS EVENING IN RESPONSE TO A "WARNING LETTER" WE RECEIVED FROM GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP'S ZONING INSPECTOR REGARDING CAMPAIGN SIGNS WE HAVE ON OUR PRIVATE PROPERTY. THE ZONING INSPECTOR SAID HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO SEND US THIS LETTER BY TRUSTEE, LONNIE KOSCH.

I WOULD ASK DAVE COTNER IF HE WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THIS ACTION?

I WOULD ALSO ASK WHY WE WERE SINGLED OUT TO RECEIVE THIS LETTER WHEN IN FACT THERE ARE NUMEROUS SUCH SIGNS ON OTHER RESIDENTS' PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THIS TOWNSHIP? AND I MIGHT ADD - IN OTHER TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES IN THIS COUNTY.

I HAVE IN MY HANDS SEVERAL DOCUMENTS I PRINTED FROM THE INTERNET STATING THAT THE ZONING REGULATIONS THAT PLACE TIME RESTRICTIONS ON CAMPAIGN SIGNS ARE IN FACT - UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THIS WAS DETERMINED BY THE OHIO SUPREME COURT AS WELL AS MANY LOWER COURTS IN THIS STATE. THIS PARTICULAR SITE WAS AUTHORED BY OHIO SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, PAUL E. PFIEFER. THE SAME DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE IN MANY OTHER STATES AS WELL. THE REASONING BEHIND THESE DECISIONS IN THE FACT THAT MAKING SUCH TIME LIMITS ON SIGNS PLACED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY TAKES AWAY THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH.

WE WERE AWARE OF THIS PROTECTION OF FREE SPEECH AND THE RULINGS MADE BY THE COURTS. THE CANDIDATE WE ARE SUPPORTING ALSO DID HER HOMEWORK AND IS AWARE OF THIS ALSO.

DID YOU - MR. KOSCH - OR MR. COTNER - EITHER ONE RESEARCH THIS ISSUE? I BELIEVE THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF OUR ZONING BEING BEHIND THE TIMES. YOU, AS A BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS, OWE IT TO THE RESIDENTS OF THIS TOWNSHIP TO KEEP UP ON SUCH ISSUES. JUST GET ON THE INTERNET AND TYPE IN "OHIO SUPREME COURT/CAMPAIGN SIGNS" AND THERE IS MUCH INFORMATION REGARDING THIS ISSUE AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS. DO YOUR HOMEWORK BEFORE SENDING OUT ANY MORE "WARNING LETTERS" TO ANY OTHER RESIDENTS OF THIS TOWNSHIP. AFTER ALL, YOU HOLD THE POSITION OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP AND PROTECT THEIR RIGHTS. THAT IS THE MAIN REASON I AM HERE TONIGHT - TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AND TO ASK YOU TO EDUCATE YOURSELVES.

JOHN SPOKE WITH PROSCUTOR, JASON DOLIN ABOUT THIS AND WAS TOLD THAT HE HAD SENT AN EMAIL LAST WEEK TO TRUSTEE KOSCH ABOUT IT. WOULD YOU, LONNIE, PLEASE SHARE WHAT MR. DOLIN TOLD YOU IN THAT EMAIL? IF NOT, JOHN CAN RELAY THAT INFORMATION TO EVERYONE HERE TONIGHT. JOHN CAN ALSO SHARE INFORMATION HE OBTAINED FROM SPEAKING WITH OFFICIALS FROM OTHER TOWNSHIPS.

MEANWHILE, OUR CAMPAIGN SIGNS WILL REMAIN ON OUR PROPERTY AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE CANDIDATE, TAMMY DROBINA. THAT IS DEMOCRACY!!!

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