

This is my response to the allegations made in the illegal mailing of ***Prairie Township Trustee Candidate Information***. This mailer is illegal because there is no disclaimer as to who paid for it, according to Ohio Revised Code 3517-20, it states, must show who paid for election literature.

What has Steve Kennedy done for you in the last 8 years? My election flyer has my accomplishments broken down by each term.

Allegation that the health department has been called out to Steve's house:

While this statement is true, any resident can make a complaint for any reason at any time. When the health inspector arrived, knocked on the door to ask permission to look at the property, permission was granted. The health inspector showed Steve the complaint and who called it in. The person that called in this complaint is a person that has been removed multiple times from the township meetings for disrupting township meetings.

"Steve picks and chooses which nuisances are heard at township meetings":

This is a false statement. The township has a fair nuisance policy that is overseen by the Zoning Department. The list of properties with violations are brought to the board of trustees, to determine if action needs to be taken on that individual property. Each property is voted on individually by the 3-member board of trustees, the vote is almost always unanimous.

"Where is the park at Hubbard & Dellinger?"

The Park is currently in the planning stages and will proceed after we receive residence input and when funding becomes available.

"Kennedy sits back and laughs at his residence and won't let them speak at township meetings":

This is just another false statement. Most township meetings are audio and video taped. Any resident can go back and listen to any meeting.

"Ask residence in the rural area, What did he do for them about the big solar plant project covering thousands of acres in Prairie Township?"

My stance on this is covered in my election flyer.

"Doesn't give a damn about property values plummeting or serious drainage problems."

No statical data shows this to be true. Prairie Township property values are at the highest value they have ever been. No facts showing solar has any effect on values. Franklin County drainage engineer is responsible to address drainage on this project.

"3 prior township trustees had a vision and started the West Broad Street corridor, Prairie Township Community Center and the Galloway Road Sports Complex"

Steve has no idea if this is a true statement. The former trustees had lots of visions, but they were never able to fund or start any of these projects. These former trustees are the same trustees that drained \$4,000,000.00 out of the Prairie Township rainy day fund. The board in 2014-2017, Kennedy, Ball, and Stormont, found ways to finance these projects but also finished the Community, the Broad Steet Street Scape, and started phase 1 of the Sports Complex.

Kennedy was paid thousands of dollars to have a fiber optic line sub-station put in his yard for township use.

Steve did enter into a lease agreement with Horizon Fiberoptics. The lease agreement is a private lease between a utility company and a landowner. The utility company approached Steve because of the location of the current fiberoptic lines. Prairie Township has an intergovernmental agreement with Grove City for the township's internet needs. Horizon is Grove City internet supplier. The hub is a Grove City hub, not a Prairie township hub. There is no conflict of interest.

"Kennedy can't get along with City Commissioners and Franklin County to get Water Bills Lowered. He has been telling us lies for 20 yrs"

Another false statement only been in office 16 years. There are no City Commissioners its Franklin County Commissions. Steve is a thorn in the Franklin County Commissioners side because he is constantly battling about the water and sewer rates. While it is true the last time the City of Columbus came to the table (2016) the deal fell through.

Negotiations fell apart because Columbus was unwilling to have water and sewer part of the negotiations. In 2018, Columbus approached Prairie Township Trustees and agreed to make water and sewer part of the negotiations. Currently Prairie Township has come to a draft agreement with Columbus to supply water and sewer to the eastern side of the township at the Columbus suburban rate. The last step in this process is for Franklin County and the City of Columbus to merge the systems. Negotiations between Columbus and Franklin County are ongoing.

"Kennedy Instructed township employees and equipment to work in his yard to clean up and haul away his debris."

Again, this is a totally false statement. Steve used the township brush and chipper program like any other resident. Township employees were never in Steve's yard, they were in the road right of way. The brush and chipper program is available to any other resident by contacting the service director.

Steve funds his own campaign. Steve does not accept campaign contributions from any resident, business, or organization.

Resident should be asking who is funding the other candidates. Thousands of dollars have been spent on joint candidate signs. Plus, each of these illegal flyers costs \$0.55 to mail.

Residents should have the right to know who is funding candidates' campaign.