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Former councilman out of line

To the Editor:

As a 60-year resident of North Olmsted I had to respond to a letter that your paper carried from former North Olmsted Councilman Dean McKay attacking a volunteer member of our community. This attack would have surprised me had I not known McKay. McKay is the same councilman that resigned so his minion Larry Orlowski could take his seat before a hotly contested election three years ago. I wonder if that that result would have been different had McKay finished out his term rather than allow his hand picked successor to slink into it. But it's his unprovoked attack against a volunteer was really just the icing on the cake.

From what I know, I see that Ms. Meredith is an active volunteer in North Olmsted. Through her leadership efforts as chairwoman for the Relay For Life in just its two years in North Olmsted, she has helped to raise close to \$150,000 for the

American Cancer Society. In addition she volunteers her time on the North Olmsted Planning Board. What

McKay seems to forget is that as a volunteer she represents the entire community.

She and a majority of the Planning Board voted favorably on a project that then must get council approval. She doesn't represent just that angry mob that McKay and his successor Orlowski always play up to. Just as a great majority of voters approved no smoking legislation in Ohio, a majority of the Board approved a plan that McKay disagrees with. Get over it, McKay. Your time is done and we thank you for your service. What I don't thank you for is attacking an individual volunteer like Ms. Meredith who gives her time to make North Olmsted a better place. It's people like you and Orlowski that keep other young, energetic volunteers from getting involved in our community. You should be ashamed of yourself, Dean. I know I am.

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