

Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Committee
Monday, June 19, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.
Land Resource Center Meeting Room

1. Call Meeting to Order - Meeting was called to order by Ron Mittelsteadt, Vice-Chairman at 6:34 p.m. in the Land Resource Center Meeting Room. Members present: Meyer, Mittelsteadt, and Rusch along with Dan Miller; Zoning Administrator and June Winters, Program Assistant. Approximately 7 others were in attendance.
2. Review of laws/rules regarding service and reporting requirements – Dan Miller was present to explain this information. Maintenance is the responsibility of the owners, service providers & county. Owners are required to have their tank inspected or pumped every 3 years or Holding tanks as necessary. Pumpers responsibility to report all maintenance events performed online within 30 days of the event as stated in the ordinance. County's responsibility is to maintain records for service maintenance for at least 6 years and to adopt and enforce a maintenance program for all POWTS that exist in the county.
3. Carmody Demonstration of Reporting System – Scott Carmody was present and did a demonstration of the tutorials available. He also demonstrated different ways to search for properties starting with just parts of an address or a last name. Miller passed out some lists to the pumpers that were present that may help them locate their client's accounts in the Carmody System. Miller stated that part of the problem is the communication is not there and that the pumpers are not aware of the tools that are available for getting their data submitted. Carmody gave an example of a pumper in another county that has their own computer program and they just upload the data to Carmody to submit the information. Casey VanDerGeest (employed by Dave's Septic) was present and asked if she could just do a spreadsheet every month and they could send Carmody the information. Carmody stated that would work in the proper format. Carmody says that he knows there are problems but we have to work together to solve these problems.
4. Discuss Concerns/Problems Identified by Attendees Regarding Online Reporting - Pete Van Ryen from Pete's Pump in Tomahawk was present and questioned the ease of locating certain properties in the Carmody System. Carmody went through an example of finding a property owner. He said that the county, the pumpers and he have to work together. Dave from Dave's Septic was present and said that he thought that Carmody should send a representative to help them enter their information because they were having so much trouble finding the parcels to enter the information. Carmody said that they could just send him the ones that they are having problems with and he would work with Lincoln County to get them entered. They discussed a problem that was being worked on by VanDerGeest and Scott Carmody. Earl Schmidt from Schmidt's Septic asked why they couldn't just send the information to him and have him enter it. Scott said that's not the purpose of the program. Mittelsteadt asked why they couldn't put a block on it so they could not enter duplicates. Carmody said that the pumper can send messages to Dan when there are problems. Carmody said that they service 160 counties in the country and they all have similar problems that they are working on. Earl Schmidt stated that because of the poor internet connections it is such a time consuming inconvenience to enter the information. Carmody stated that they have a desktop version so that they could have a routine list of customers enter all the pumping information and then with the push of one button submit the reports all at once.

Miller explained the promise that he had made to Schmidt and Sousek about sending out the maintenance pumping cards. He explained that the Zoning office is working with Marathon County Data Systems to send out letters to property owners telling them that they are due for pumping. They should contact their service provider and get the "tear off" portion of that letter that will have the correct parcel number on it to give to the service provider so they may enter the service event on the correct parcel. Sousek said that without having sent out the cards last year or this year we are going to start having failing systems if they aren't pumped on a regular basis.

Van Ryen questioned why some of the information is requested by his program. Carmody stated that this was based on the DNR requirements for information that needs to be reported. Van Ryen said that the DNR is satisfied by other reports. Carmody said that he should speak to Greg Kuester at the DNR because he had laid out the requirements for the program that Carmody wrote. There was further discussion on which information is required to process the

information. Carmody demonstrated how they can add sites for septic spreading locations. Carmody said that this program would help them do their year end reports for the DNR for the sites in Lincoln County. Dave said that this doesn't help them because they work in so many different counties it doesn't give them the totals that will help them file their reports.

Schmidt said that when the county started getting so many holding tanks they suggested that people install large holding tanks. He stated that when the county sent out the pumping cards for the Holding Tanks they should have taken the larger tanks and seasonal dwellings into consideration when they sent the notices out. Miller apologized to the pumpers present for the message that was on the cards that were sent out if it sounded like the pumpers were not doing their jobs. He said that we "had to start somewhere". Schmidt asked why the information off of the permits was not included information on the system. Miller stated that the information that was pulled into the Carmody System was information that is entered in our Land Records program consisting of the parcel number, permit number, type of system, owner's name and mailing and parcel addresses. It doesn't not have all of the information that is on the paper permits (i.e. tank size, manufacturer, etc).

Rebecca Jaecks (Employed by Pete's Pump) asked how we are dealing with seasonal dwellings. Dan explained the process for adjusting the cycles that we started with. Schmidt's asked with the larger tanks why we couldn't adjust the cycles.

Sousek brought up another problem that they are having that has really nothing to do with the Carmody system and that is the fact that some landowners do not have the required access road for the pumper to get within 25 feet of the septic tank to pump. There was discussion about upcoming changes in the code making it even further.

Sousek asked why the Servicing Contract was required. There was some discussion about not requiring the servicing contract for future permits issued.

Schmidt's brought some issues that are currently a problem in Lincolnwood subdivision. Miller explained that we are currently dealing with several compliance issues in that subdivision and how we are trying to resolve them.

5. Adjourn – Motion by Rusch, seconded by Meyer to adjourn at 8:05 p.m . Motion carried all ayes.