ZOSRC Mitigation Subcommittee
May 9, 2014

Present: Patty Swenson, Julene Hodgson, Emily Siira, John Postovit, Marsha Watland, Peter Mead, Jon Staldine and Debi Moltzan.

Swenson explained the mitigation process and the numbers and how staff intensive the process is. Swenson stated that she knows that mitigation will never go away, but there is a need to simplify the process and/or come up with alternative options for mitigation.

Postovit showed an example of allowing a berm to be used to offset the lake setback. SWCD was opposed to this suggestion due to the fact that wear and tear and settling eventually reduces the size of the berm and its effectiveness.

Staldine felt there was enough expertise present to come up with a matrix to help out with mitigation. Swenson stated that the County Board frowns on forcing tax payers to use professional engineers in some cases of minor work.

Swenson suggested eliminating pervious pavers, limiting the building sizes and change the percentage amount of what needed to be mitigated. Staldine stated that reducing the percentage that needed to mitigate was not a good idea because it is the accumulative effects that harm the lake. Siira stated that most of the group is looking at water quality perspective and that if easier is being looked at, add more staff.

Further discussion was held regarding options, achieving mitigation goals without cumbersome hurdles, etc. Staldine stated that the PRWD could help out with mitigation for the properties within their watershed district. Hodgson questioned this because in the past, the watershed did not get involved unless it was something in the shore impact zone. Staldine stated that they now have the staff and can handle it.

Watland commented that French drains are good ideas, but French drains cannot be installed within 50 feet of a well head.

After further discussion, consensus of the Board was to recommend to the ZOSRC to eliminate pervious pavers as part of the mitigation and they need to be counted 100% as impervious material and leave the current mitigation options the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Moltzan