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August 17, 2007

Mr. Timothy R. Wolff  
Village Manager  
Village of Lake Isabella  
1096 Queens Way  
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Dear Mr. Wolff:

I have received a copy of your letter dated August 8, 2007 to Michelle Patton R.S. of the Central Michigan District Health Department. As the Supervisor of the Environmental Health Division for Isabella County, Ms. Patton asked me to respond to the issues you raised in your letter.

You did send me a letter dated March 16, 2007 requesting I re-evaluate the number of permits available in Golf Estates II of Lake Isabella. During our February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting with yourself, representatives from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and myself, you stated you would be sending this request along with a map of Golf Estates II that outlined developed lots and vacant lots. I did not receive that map until I contacted you and reminded you I needed such to cross-reference our records. I received this map on March 29, 2007.

Upon receiving the map and your request, I had my clerical staff complete a thorough records search to determine issued, as well as pending permits, in Golf Estates II. This was completed and returned to me on April 12, 2007. I scheduled a site evaluation for April 20, 2007 to determine if your records, our records and actual development of the lots matched. After completing this site evaluation on April 20, 2007, I contacted you via phone to let you know of our findings.

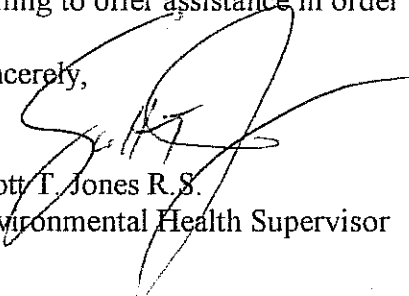
I recall Mr. Ric Falardeau and Mr. Sean Nalepka both at the meeting representing the MDEQ being quite clear as to the requirements of how the village goes about getting the building and use restrictions changed. We discussed time frames of when the soils work could be completed and locations to complete the soils work. This meeting was followed up with a letter to Lake Isabella from Mr. Nalepka dated March 19, 2007 that again outlined the necessary requirements to change the building and use restrictions. It is my understanding this is the second meeting you have had with DEQ representatives addressing such issues. It appears quite evident that you have been given the knowledge and tools necessary to begin the process to change the building and use restrictions.

Your conversation with Mr. Simpson is accurate to the point that the Village does possess the ability to change the building and use restrictions, again as we discussed in the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and addressed above. I can understand your frustration with the historical

restrictions and the process in which it takes to get them changed, but making untrue accusations of those who are not responsible for those decisions is unfounded. There is no one else that can propose such changes, so placing blame on other agencies when the Village has not taken the steps toward making such changes is inappropriate.

We should be working together to see that the decisions made in the past are resolved for the good of the residents of Lake Isabella. If additional clarification on the process as outlined in Mr. Nalepka's letter of March 19, 2007 is necessary, please contact me and I would be willing to offer assistance in order to resolve this issue.

Sincerely,



Scott T. Jones R.S.  
Environmental Health Supervisor

Cc: Ric Falardeau  
Sean Nalepka  
Michelle Patton  
Senator Alan Cropsey