Board of Health Policy Committee

Date of Meeting: June 16, 2015
Time of Meeting: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Location of Meeting: 555 N. Court, Rockford, IL; Room 120
Board Committee Members: Angie Goral-Chair, Ron Gottschalk, John Halversen, David Helland, Luci Hoover, Patricia Lewis
WCHD Participants: Todd Marshall – Environmental Health Improvement; Sandra Martell – Public Health Administrator

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Required Action Items | Time | Sponsor
1. Approval of Minutes | 1 min | A. Goral
2. Environmental Health | 30 min | T. Marshall

A. Septic Variance Request – John Hughes, property owner at 8191 Beach Dr. Request for Variance

Summary: Variance requestor is asking to install a septic system for new construction in a 100 yr. floodplain and maintain a 75 foot separation between well to septic on both his property and neighbor’s properties.

Sec 86-29 (d) of the Sewage Disposal Code, states “A private sewage disposal system shall not be permitted in a flood plain, unless a variance is obtained.” Sec. 86-77 of the Sewage Disposal Code, states “the septic field must maintain a 100 foot separation to the well.”

1. In his letter of intent, he states he would like to rebuild his house so he and his family can once again enjoy the river, remove the blight from the neighborhood, and provide more tax revenue to the County.
2. After reviewing the required paperwork submittal (variance application, letter of intent, and his preliminary drawing), the WCHD staff recommends denial for the following reasons:

- Approval could set a precedent for new construction
- The property lies entirely within a 100 yr. flood plain
- The 100 foot required setback between well to septic cannot be met
- Existing lot size is 7,000 sq. ft. Code requires a minimum of 25,000 sq. ft. lot size
- Soil borings next door indicated 25 inches to seasonal wetness
- Soil is likely compacted from the garage currently in the location of the proposed system

3. Communications Policy | 30 min | S. Martell