

# LINCOLN COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

## Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2012

### 1. **5:35 – Meeting Called to Order by Board Chair,**

Present: *Bonny Peterson, Ted Clarke, John Damon, Mark Romey, Dave Johnson, Paul Tisher, Matt Bowser*    Not Present: *Joe Kelly, Frank Dierman*

Staff:    *Kristin Smith*

Public    Buck Schermerhorn, Steve Curtiss

### 2. **Approval of Minutes** – *Mark moved to approve, Bonny seconded.*

### 3. **Public Comment On Non-Agenda Planning Board Items**

Steve Curtiss announced that he was running for County Commissioner

### 4. **Agenda**

#### a. **Lakeshore Permits (Glen Lake)**

i. **Massman** – *applicant withdrew request prior to meeting*

ii. **Mitzel** – *applicant withdrew request prior to meeting*

iii. – **NAE, Inc**

Kristin presented the staff report and recommended conditions for the application for bank alteration and a dock. Ted asked about the piles of existing rocks. Steve offered comment that someone had dumped them some time ago (decades) and nobody said too much about it. Steve also mentioned that GLID was trying to clean up the dam area all spring due to a build up of silt and debris (trees, brush, etc.). He stated he was trying to protect the rights of property owners, that they must operate the dam in accordance with state law.

Ted asked Steve if GLID was in favor of the rock wall proposed. Steve said yes, and that rather than vegetation along the shore, GLID could make it a no-wake lake.

Bonny asked how high the hemp logs would be. Buck said they would be small diameter to hold plants and that the Extension Agent gave a list of appropriate plants for the area.

John asked how much the lake fluctuated in a year. Buck suggested approximately 10 feet, and that it was at full pool approximately 4 months a year.

Steve said documents suggest Glen Lake was a man-made lake and as an irrigation reservoir, GLIS has authority.

Bonny said the County needs to protect the lakeshore and up to 20 feet beyond the ordinary high water mark.

Steve said that GLID can fix the lakeshore for irrigation needs, that the law gives them authority to remove anything in their way.

Ted asked Steve if he was willing to make Glen Lake a “no-wake” lake to stop the erosion. Steve said, no.

Ted said they County is trying to do something to protect values of property and quality of lake and lakeshore and that those measures could be compatible with efforts to prevent erosion.

Steve said they issue permits at no charge, that the dam keeps the lake in place. He also said the Planning Board has an important job and commends them.

Paul said vegetation holds shore well – small aspen and willow better than large diameter trees.

Someone suggested that wake boats are the problem.

Buck said he hadn’t done this kind of work before so he could not speak to its effectiveness, but he was confident that the rock wall will hold. He suggested the soils were unstable that there was lots of moss on clay.

Matt wanted to clarify that the small rocks on the shore would stay.

Bonny doesn’t like the wall at high water mark in relation to the other proposed projects. It would have made for a continuous wall (she referred to comments from FWP & DEQ).

Steve said the ordinary high water mark isn’t what it was 10 years ago. That it is not the true high water mark. He said FWP said it was a man-made lake and was not interested in it.

Bonny asked if the trees would have to be removed.

Buck said 3 little trees and a stump, but most all else would stay. The hemp logs will be placed and planted by hand.

Ted moved to approve with conditions in the staff report, Dave seconded the motion.

Matt wanted to know about the dock length.

Ted would prefer to see natural arrangement – “rubble-like” – of rocks instead of mortared-looking wall.

Buck said he was limited to the rock on site and it will probably end up being symmetrical. It was a steep site to work in. He wants to keep water from getting behind the rock.

*Motion passed.*

**5. PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- a. Floodplain Appeals** – Kristin stated that the Floodplain Administrator had asked if the Board would consider being the body to hear appeals for floodplain permit denials. The Board had some questions about what that meant and wanted the Floodplain Administrator to clarify.

**6. PLANNING BOARD COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

- a. Board Terms** – Dave, Mark and Paul all offered to extend their terms. Kristin stated that they had received a couple applications to fill Joe’s vacancy.

**7. Next Meeting:** June 19<sup>th</sup>

**8. 7:30 Meeting Adjourned**