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Lost Hollow Property Owners Association
Attn: Rebecca Burroughs
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Subject: Lost Hollow Campground

Dear Ms. Burroguhs;

On February 8, 2022 a letter was sent to the Lost Hollow Property Owners Association detailing the events that had transpired up to this date regarding clarification of the requirements concerning winter camping without water and functional restrooms. This letter summarized that the campground is to remain closed if the restroom facilities will not stay open during the winter for winter camping. Lost Hollow applied for a variance from the Ohio Department of Health on July 26, 2022 requesting a variance from OAC 3701-26-04 (L) (1) allowing the dump station to be kept open by utilizing an alternative water supply. In addition, Lost Hollow applied for a variance from the requirements of OAC 3701-26-04 (N)(3)(c), requesting allowance to supply portable toilets in exchange of keeping all the required comfort stations open during the winter in order to sustain the adequate number of hygiene facilities as approved by the campground plans.

As you may be aware the Ohio Department of Health informed the Hocking County Health Department on January 03, 2023 that the variance request was disapproved. In previous correspondence the Hocking County Health Department has stated, in order to stay open, a minimum number of restrooms must remain open in compliance with Chapter 3701-26-04 (N) of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC).

Since the campground is currently in violation of OAC 3701-26-04 (L) and (N), the Hocking County Health Department hereby orders the campground to be closed and remain closed for winter camping. The campground is advertised as a seasonal campground and must remain as a seasonal campground.

Unfortunately, it also appears that we have documented history that several people had continued to stay at the campground even though the campground had closed in 2021. Furthermore, we have received information that leads us to believe people are using their lot at Lost Hollow as a permanent primary residence. This places the campground in violation of 3729.01 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code, the purpose of a campground is for recreation or vacation purposes and not to be used as a permanent residence.

If the campground continues to be utilized without the minimum hygiene facilities, and if through an investigation conducted by the Hocking County Health Department the campground in fact continues to have people staying at the campground through the winter months, the matter will be forwarded to the Hocking County Board of Health for revocation of the campground license for Lost Hollow.

Thank you for your assistance in the matter and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin Smith, BS, REHS
Environmental Director

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