The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blair. Upon roll call all council members were present except Lynn Eisentrout.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Community - The Minerva Flora Committee recently replanted the island across from the golf course with the help of an anonymous gift of $2500. The committee estimates that the total hours of volunteer time is 2200 hours. The Mayor and Council members expressed appreciation for the hard work the committee has done for the Village. The committee has also worked out their 1992 budget and work plan. It is a budget of $5000 with three areas: 1) maintenance of existing beds ($3300), 2) improvement to Briar Rose island ($700), and 3) continue golf course island ($1000).

Streets - The curbs on Cleveland Avenue were discussed. Stone will be delivered shortly to fill in the ruts at the entrances. Lee Rupp will be submitting plans for council to consider on restructuring the curb at this site.

Finance - The bills were approved for payment.

Legislation - Resolutions 91-12, 91-13, and 91-14 were read and passed unanimously. Resolution 91-14 is a resolution honoring Don Champney for his years of service on Minerva Park Village Council. Ordinances 11-91 and 12-91 were read and passed unanimously.

Don Champney presented the Village with the Golden Broom Award received by the Village because of their efforts on Community Clean-Up Day. The Village also received a $200 check from the Keep Franklin County Beautiful Committee.

John Kinkela was appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission. His term will be 1/1/92 to 12/31/93. Dave Roscoe was reappointed to his position on the Commission. His term will be 1/1/92 to 12/31/94.

Fire Chief, Keith Garrabrandt, reported that the squad has had a total of 16,444 hours volunteered this year. They have sent bids to 12 companies for a new squad vehicle and are awaiting responses. The Planning & Zoning Commission met on December 6, 1991 to consider four requests:

- 5312 Cleveland Ave. - Tabled, redecorating request.
- 2921 Berry Ln. - Approved, porch enclosure.
- 2719 Maplewood - Approved, shed.
- Victor's sign permit - Approved.

Jack Murray reported on the Jordan Road grant request for Title II funds. The request for road and sewer replacement on Jordan Road is #2 on a list of 11 projects. The District 3 Committee will be making a decision after the first of the year.

Bill Bates and Wade Estep from Blendon Township presented the Village of Minerva Park with a check for $6000 for services of the Minerva Park Squad in Blendon Township.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.
The Minerva Park Community Association (MPCA) is currently drafting a 1992 work plan in order to determine the best allocation of available funds among ongoing projects previously offered by Civic Association and Women’s Club, and new projects being considered. If you would like to obtain a copy of the completed plan, contact Jennifer Hochuli at 899-9949.

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MINERVA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

On behalf of the families of the 70 children who attended the Christmas Open House, THANK YOU! to Anita Simonetti and her committee, Lynne Maslowski and Marie Takacs. The event was a wonderful success. Thanks, too, to Santa for taking time from his busy schedule to brighten the holidays.
DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

If you are new to the park or simply can’t find your 1990-1991 copy of the Minerva Park Directory, extra copies are still available from Claudette Shannon at 891-7036. The Minerva Park Community Association’s 1992 work plan calls for a new, updated copy of the Directory to be printed by April, 1992.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

CHANGE FORM

If you would like to change or add to your current directory listing, please complete the form below and return to: Claudette Shannon, 3011 Carleton Court, or drop off at the Community Building in an envelope addressed to Claudette Shannon, Minerva Park Community Association.

Name __________________________
Address _________________________
Phone __________________________

Please include the following person(s) in the directory listings for "Odd Jobs" or "Babysitting" services offered:

Name ______________________ Age ______
Phone __________________________
Will perform (check one or both)
____ Odd Jobs
____ Babysitting

MEETING NOTICE

Minerva Park Community Association Board will meet January 15, 7:30pm at the Community Building.

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MINERVA PARK REALTORS:
Mary Ann Carpenter 890-3293
Jody McClure 891-0111
Joyce McSwain 891-6167
Jack Murray 882-8558
Virginia Murray 882-8558
Peggy Yoakam 882-0422
This year I was later than usual going south and as a result got to enjoy the Christmas decorations in the Park. I was interested to note that so often when I stopped to admire a display, I recognized the house as one where I had admired the garden earlier in the year. My conclusion: when the gardening season ends gardeners decorate their homes. Just as a simple garden display is often as effective as a more elaborate one, likewise the simple nativity scene at 2699 Maplewood appealed to me as much as the more showy ones down the street at Weber’s and Lude’s. I loved Rudolph and his red nose at Blair’s and the large Santa at 2643 Jordan Road (Purnhagen’s) that welcomed me as I drove down that street.

The Santa standing near the street reminded me of some other lawn ornaments that I admired this past summer, especially the deer with the yellow ribbons around their necks in front of 3727 Minerva Lake Road and the black silhouette figure leaning against the light post at 3064 (McKinney’s). I thought Russ Rankin’s (2531) had the best dressed duck (scarlet and gray for football season; red, white and blue for 4th of July; and no clothes at all during a hot spell), but the McKinney’s duck has looked marvelous lately with a jack-o-lantern costume for Halloween and a great Christmas outfit. These ornaments and many more including Larry Hicks’ duck which must have flown south for the winter, add interest to the front yard and best of all, don’t have to be watered.

Mid-December I put my lawn mower and garden tools away after having them sharpened so they’d be ready for the first sign of spring. And lest I sound smug, let me admit that I made the following New Year’s resolutions for early spring:

1. I will pull those weeds I intended to pull in the fall.
2. I will edge the borders I intended to edge in the fall.
3. I will treat my iris with Cygon in the hopes of licking the iris borers.
4. Next summer, I’m going to spray my roses regularly. I never had such bad black spot and I’m going to be alert for the other insects that cause so much damage: red spider mites in the hemlocks and spruce in late summer, black vine weevil in the rhododendron and sawfly larva on the mughos.

I’m sure that many of my neighbors who were infested with grubs (and raccoons) have resolved to grub proof their lawns.

I hope you all made resolutions to make your place look better than it ever has before in honor of AmeriFlora. However, don’t commit yourself to more than you can water, weed and deadhead. Also get someone lines up to care for your place while you are away. Not only can a place fast become an eyesore, but also plants are too valuable to let them die for lack of water. I also hope you resolved to give the MinervaFlora Committee a little time this spring. We have lots of planting and transplanting to do in March and April—Saturday mornings are the time. Everyone is cordially invited to join us.

By now you may have noticed the plants on the corners of the Briar Rose island are gone. We hated to take down those euonymous that are so beautiful in the fall, but they were a traffic hazard. We are, however, putting a hedge of new ones between the two hemlocks and in front there will be a flower bed and some redbud trees. We hope in a couple of years that it will look better than ever.
Minerva Park CLASSIFIED

PAID PART-TIME POSITION
(MARCH - NOVEMBER, 10 HOURS PER WEEK)
THE MINERVAFLORA COMMITTEE IS SEEKING AN ASSISTANT FOR GARDENING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS WATERING, PRUNING, WEEDING, AND MULCHING. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. NEED OWN TRANSPORTATION, LICENSE, AND WILLINGNESS TO LEARN. CONTACT WADE ESTEP 891-4887.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Tim and Michele McClurg of 2840 Maplewood Drive had a baby boy, Zachary Sterling, on December 12, 1991. Best Wishes to the New Family!
MINERVA PARK SQUAD REPORT
NOVEMBER 1991

In November, the squad made 128 runs; 15 runs into Blendon Township and 12 into Minerva Park. 48 patients were transported to local hospitals. The squad had 1691 hours of volunteered service during the month, raising the total to 16,444 hours for the year to date. Special thanks this month to Curt Gannon (168 hours), Colin Chong (120), Barry Brownstein (85), and Tina Quinn (82). Frank Meredith continues to lead for the year with 1025 hours of volunteered service.

As authorized at the last Village Council meeting, a solicitation for bids has been released for a new squad vehicle. Bids were sent to 12 companies, with responses due back by December 17th. Calls have been received by some of the bid recipients indicating their willingness to bid. We would hope to have completed our evaluation of the bids by the January Council meeting.

All fire hydrants in the village were drained by department members this month. This is done each fall to insure hydrants do not freeze. This did not require the hydrants to flow and the water supply to residents was not affected. Flushing, which can sometimes cause temporary water discoloration, is done in the spring, and residents will be notified in advance.

The department always welcomes village and township residents interested in membership. This month we welcomed Bruce Ribbons, Jr, a village resident, and John Leppa, a township resident, as provisional members of the department. Provisional members ride for a minimum of two months with training crews, prior to taking regular duty.

Minerva Park Runs

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PARK PERSONALITY

REVEREND SUMMERS AND WIFE LESLIE LIVE AT 2540 MAPLEWOOD DRIVE. THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN, ANNA, ENROLLED AT BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE, AND VANCE, A STUDENT AT WESTERVILLE SOUTH.

THE REVEREND IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES, WEST OHIO CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. THERE ARE 1400 CHURCHES UNDER HIS JURISDICTION.

REVEREND VANCE SUMMERS, JR.

HIS DUTIES ARE EXTENSIVE AND REQUIRE MUCH TRAVEL. IN ADDITION, HE PREACHES AT DIFFERENT CHURCHES ALMOST EVERY SUNDAY. HIS WIFE LESLIE IS PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF A VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA GROUP HOME. THEY ARE VERY INTERESTING PEOPLE TO KNOW.

CAN YOU IMAGINE ANYBODY STUPID ENOUGH TO BID ON A BUNCH OF ROCKS AT A FARM AUCTION?

ERNIE, FRESH BACK FROM VENEZUELA, CAN'T CONVINCE LARRY THAT HE SAW A BIRD MUNCH CUMBER'S TREES. THEY'VE GOT STAN'S RESTAURANT IN AN UPROAR AGAIN. LARRY STILL TRYING TO MAKE ERNIE BELIEVE THAT PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING IS ON THE UP AND UP. GOT A FURTHER SETBACK WHEN HE LEARNED ERNIE ALSO DOESN'T BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUSE.

COLUMBUS SAILED HERE WITH THREE SHIPS, THE NINA, PINTA AND SANTA MARIA. WE NOW HAVE A REPLICA OF THE SANTA MARIA ANCHORED AT THE FOOT OF GAY STREET. SINCE OUR PARK IS TO PLAY A BIG PART IN THE MARIFLORA CELEBRATION, WOULDN'T IT BE APPROPRIATE TO PUT THE NINA AND PINTA ON OUR OWN TWO OCEANS? LARRY HICKS AND DICK HORTON COULD HAVE THEM BUILT AND UNDER SAIL BY WARM WEATHER. THEY COULD BE PAID FOR BY FERRYING PASSENGERS ACROSS OUR BOUNDLESS LAKES.

DOES YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR GIVE LITTLE ANNOYING 'CHIRPS' NOW AND THEN? IF SO, IT'S NOT DEFECTIVE BUT WORKING PERFECTLY. IT'S TRYING TO TELL YOU IT NEEDS A NEW BATTERY.

T.T. FLUB, PRESIDENT OF PROGRANTATORS ANONYMOUS ADVISES: "PUT NEW BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY. ALSO WIND YOUR ANNIVERSARY CLOCKS AND THROW OLD 1990 CALENDARS AWAY.

HERE'S INSPIRATION FOR YOU — GEE THANKS, HARVEY.

JIM THURBER SHOULD HAVE LIVED IN MINERVA PARK!

HARVEY ROSETTI, NEIGHBOR, IS CONVINCED NO SOBER PERSON COULD DRAW CARTOONS SUCH AS MINE, SAYS AS HE GAVE ME ANOTHER BOTTLE OF SPLENDITS. "WANT OUR VILLAGE NEEDS, FOR A PEACEFUL TOWN DRINK, ALL OLD WESTERN TOWNS USED TO HAVE ONE. JUST THINK; WITH A LITTLE PRACTICE, ONE MIGHT BECOME AS FAMOUS AS FOSTER BROOKS OR W.C. FIELD'S."

I ACCEPT HIS GIFT GRATEFULLY, BUT BEING UP THE OLD UPS THAT TIME I'M NOT SO.

CHRISTMAS IDEA FIZZLES

MY NEIGHBORS, THE DUSZY'S, ROSSETTI'S AND STEWARTS ACROSS THE STREET, ALL HAD FABULOUS LIGHT DISPLAYS TO MY NOTHINGS, BUT I STILL HAD HIGH HOPE OF WINNING AN AWARD. SO I PUT MY WIFE'S HEARTSHEET OUT ON THE LAWN AND IN THE CAR HEADLIGHTS AT MIDNIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SINGING "SILENT NIGHT" AT THE TOP OF HER VOICE. POLICE WERE DELUGED WITH CALLS OF MAN BEATING HIS WIFE.
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...**

5th - Nathan Hard  
6th - Emily Stehmeyer  
20th - Barb Wohlfarth  
20th - Larry Yoakam  
22nd - John Moore  
28th - Tommy Dooley  
28th - Jessica Harn  
31st - Phil Graves

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**WHAT'S TOFU LIKE?**  
EVER TASTED WALLPAPER PASTE?