MPCA Highlights

The 1994-1995 MPCA Board Members. The Annual MPCA General Meeting was held on September 18, 1994 in the Community Building. There were about 10 residents who showed up to see what we do at our monthly meetings. As always, all of our meetings are open to the public and all residents of Minerva Park are welcome. The MPCA meets on the Wednesday following the 2nd Monday of every month. The main purpose of the Annual General Meeting is to select new MPCA board members. This year, all the members stayed the same except Tim Curry stepped down as Vice President and Jim Kehl was nominated and accepted to fill that position. Your 1994-1995 MPCA board members are as follows:

- President Rolla Wagner
- Vice President Jim Kehl
- Secretary Dee Young
- Treasurer Rella Kehl

New MPCA Committee
A new committee called the Information and Publicity Committee was formed and Jon Self will be the Chairperson.

Minerva Park Police Open House
Everyone (especially kids) is invited to come meet our Minerva Park Police officers on Saturday, October 8th from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Community Building.

The Minerva Park Children’s Committee and our Police Department are sponsoring this Open House so our children can meet our police officers. You can see inside a patrol car and tour the facilities.

Come join us for refreshments and fun and meet Minerva Park’s finest. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions contact Nancy Fry (890-6845).

Children’s Halloween Parties
Volunteers are needed for these events which will be held on Saturday, October 29th! Please call Nancy Fry (890-6845) or Joann Melsop (794-2120).

Attention Residents! The scavengers will be out this year on Saturday, October 29th from 1:15 to 3:30 p.m. They will not come inside or ask for refreshments. If you do not wish to be disturbed, please post a “No Scavengers” sign on your door during these two hours. The ‘Scavengers’ and the Children’s Committee appreciate your support of this event. Drivers, as always, please watch out for our children.

Attention Children! Children ages 9 and 10 may choose to participate in either the Enchanted Forest or the scavenger hunt.

Yo, scavengers! (Ages 9 to 14) Find a partner and come to the Community Building between 1:15 and 1:45 to get your list. You can come back at 3:30 with as many items from the list as possible for scoring, prizes, food, and fun.

Enchanted Forest Kids (Ages 0 to 10), put on your costume and come over to the Community Building for the Enchanted Forest, crafts, donuts, and lots of fun.

The event time table will be as follows:
- 1:15 - 1:45 Pick up scavenger list.
- 1:30 - 3:00 Enchanted Forest.
- 3:30 - 4:00 Scavengers return.

October Calendar
06 Planning and Zoning Meeting, 7 p.m.
10 Village Council Meeting, 8 p.m.
12 MPCA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
20 THE VILLAGER Deadline, 5 p.m.
27 Beggars Night, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
29 Halloween Scavenger Hunt, 1:15 - 4 p.m.
29 Halloween Enchanted Forest, 1:30 - 3 p.m.
Village Council Meeting (July 11, 1994)

General Topics

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Murray. The minutes of the June 13, 1994 regular meeting and the June 22, 1994 special meeting were accepted as written.

Mayor's Report to Council - Postcards concerning the Westbridge Project were sent to all households in the Village. So far, 50 have come back in favor of the project and 79 against it. If this ratio continues for all cards received by July 15th, Mayor Murray will recommend to Council that they disapprove the project grant and return the grant money to the Ohio Public Works Commission. Applications have been filed with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for lands and water grant fund monies. Applications were submitted for the pool, Kilbourne Run, dam rehabilitation, and lake dredging. Still have lots of unanswered questions, which hopefully can be answered when the rules and regulations for issue I money have been established. We have a new trash hauler. B & D Hauling terminated our contract with them. We now have a one year contract with Rumpke. Old recycling bins can still be used. Yard waste will have to be separated. Everyone in the Village received an information flyer on recycling.

Rolla Wagner reported for the Minerva Park Community Association. The 4th of July Parade was a big success. Next May, 1995, the Park will be celebrating its 55th birthday and the 100th anniversary of when the casino was built. At their July 13th meeting, they will discuss how to celebrate this event. The Hard residence on Park Lane Court has won the residential award from Minerva Park for the NCC Beautification Awards.

Committee Reports

Community - Lynn Eisenout reported that the Community Committee will meet with the neighbors by the playground to talk about plans for it over the next two years on July 18th at 7:30 pm.

Service - Mike Riggins reported that the fire hydrant repair is under way.

Finance - The Village bills were approved for payment.

Safety - Paul Hastings asked about the number of false alarms and if letters were sent for code violations. Police Chief Hillard responded that one letter was sent to the Iron Pony for a false alarm violation.

Legislation - Bob Landy read Ordinance 2-94, third reading, an ordinance to establish five locations for the posting of ordinances, resolutions, and other information of general interest to the residents of the Village of Minerva Park, in accordance with the Ohio revised code and to repeal ordinance 7-78. Bob Landy moved for passage of Ordinance 2-94, seconded by Paul Hastings. All approved.

Bob Landy read Ordinance 3-94, second reading as amended, an ordinance requiring the registration of all persons soliciting, peddling, polling, requesting joining an organization or other such activity going systematically door to door or within a systematic random going door to door shall register with the Village of Minerva Park Police Department prior to proceeding with such activity. Bob Landy moved for passage of Ordinance 3-94, seconded by Mike Riggins. All approved.

Bob Landy read Ordinance 5-94, first reading, an ordinance to establish the definition of part time, seasonal, and temporary employees of the Village of Minerva Park. Bob Landy moved for passage of Ordinance 5-94, as amended, seconded by Paul Hastings. All approved.

Bob Landy read Ordinance 7-94, first reading, an ordinance to forbid labor and transportation of machinery and materials during the night. Bob Landy moved for passage of Ordinance 7-94, seconded by Paul Hastings. All approved.

Bob Landy read Resolution 94-10, third reading, a resolution declaring it necessary to levy a replacement tax in excess of the ten mill limitation. Bob Landy moved for passage of Resolution 94-10, seconded by Lynn Eisenout. All approved.

Bob Landy read Resolution 94-14, a resolution authorizing the Village of Minerva Park to apply for financial assistance for outdoor recreation purposes under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578) and to declare an emergency. Bob Landy moved for passage of Resolution 94-14, seconded by Pam Park-Curry. All approved.


Village Officials

Fire Chief Garrabrant asked Council to consider the purchase of bullet proof vests (3 @ $500 each). He will write up a proposal and submit it to the Safety Committee. The squad volunteered 1725 hours during the month of June. He cautioned everyone to not leave children and pets in closed up cars during the hot, summer days.
Lee Rupp reported that Franklin County has said they will fix the east end of Minerva Lake Road where they took out the hump, probably in the Fall. He thinks the Cleveland Avenue construction will start after 1/1/95.

Narcus Tsiliacos presented a letter where he was invited to participate in a domestic violence task force. He does not have the time to participate, but has the letter available for anyone to see.

Citizens Comments

A resident asked when the waterline is going to be replaced on Minerva Lake Road. Mayor Murray advised that the Village will try to submit that project in the next round for Issue II money. At 2567 Minerva Lake Road, there is a continuing water leak due to the patch being too high. The Mayor will have someone look at it.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Pam Park-Curry made a motion to accept the loan for Waterline Replacement Phase II, seconded by Bob Landy. Construction start date will be 2/1/95 with a completion date of June, 1995.

As of July 1, 1994, the Community Building will be smoke-free per the regulation passed by the Franklin County District Board of Health.

Planning and Zoning Commission

At their last meeting, they approved a deck on Jordan Road and Wildwood Road. They listened to a resident complaint about moving a shed on Minerva Lake Road and a fence complaint on Woodley Road.

The Commission has looked into the alley problem by Tom and Madeline's and have determined that the alley is for everyone's use.

The sign at President Tuxedo is in violation of code, and Hawthorne School will be at the August commission meeting.

Special Village Council Meeting (July 20, 1994)

A special meeting of Council was called to review and discuss the Westbridge Extension Project and to decide by roll call vote to accept or reject a grant for said project from the Ohio Public Works Commission.

With 301 cards back concerning this project, 104 for and 197 against, Mayor Murray recommends to Council that the Village send the grant money back to OPWC for the Westbridge Extension.

Lynn Eisentrount made a motion to reject the Ohio Public Works Commission grant under the LTIP program in reference to the Westbridge Extension Project, seconded by Pam Park-Curry. All approved.

Special Village Council Meeting (August 8, 1994)

This special meeting of Council was called to order by Mayor Murray at 7:40 pm. Council reviewed an application for a jewelry training school for Tim Drouhard at 5262 Cleveland Avenue. After discussion, Paul Hastings made a motion to approve a variance for it, seconded by Bob Landy. All approved.

Council reviewed an application for Hammer's-Huber's, Inc. at 5474 Cleveland Avenue for a retail store. After discussion, Paul Hastings made a motion to approve a variance for it, seconded by Mike Riggins. All approved.

Narcus Tsiliacos, Village Law Director, also discussed various sections of the Ohio Revised Code.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Special Village Council Meeting (August 15, 1994)

This special meeting of Council was called to order by Mayor Murray at 7:30 pm. Dave Stahr made a motion to approve slurry seal for Minerva Park North with Minerva Park West to be held until next year, and then re-evaluated, seconded by Lynn Eisentrount. Motion was approved.

Dave Stahr made a motion to approve Resolution 94-17, a resolution to authorize the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer to enter into a contract with Strawser, Inc. for slurry seal street improvement #138 for Minerva Park North in the amount of $18,671.82 and to declare an emergency. It was seconded by Paul Hastings. All approved.

Dave Stahr discussed with council the leaf pick-up for this fall. He has contacted a company that will charge $97.50 an hour. The Service Committee and Mayor will meet with a company representative.

Council reviewed Ordinances 3-94 (soliciting), 4-94 (overtime), 5-94 (part-time), and 7-94 (labor on Sunday). The following items were also reviewed: pay periods, time sheets, sick leave, employee vs. small contractor, EMS personnel, and the Village parking ordinance.

Community Committee Meeting (July 18, 1994)

The purpose of this meeting was twofold: To meet with the neighbors immediately affected by the playground to hear their concerns in regard to its present state and any future plans to add to it, and to discuss the future of the pillars due to the widening of Cleveland Avenue and to bring suggestions and comments back to Council.

A brief history of the location of the current playground equipment was given by Mike Riggins. The Children's Activities Committee (CAC) wanted to add to the playground equipment. Minerva Lake Golf Course (continued on page 10)
Minerva Park Squad Report

In August, the squad made 147 runs; 18 runs into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 12 into Minerva Park. 43 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 1312 hours for the month, raising the total to 13,492 hours year-to-date. The leading volunteers for the month were John Owens (108 hours), Frank Meredith (102 hours), and Curt Gannon (72). John also leads for year-to-date service with 1058 hours.

The subject of the August training meeting covered care of fractures. An EMT refresher course is underway for those members who need to renew their state EMT licenses in the next several months. A state-run final exam will be given in October.

The Minerva Park Firefighter’s Association is sponsoring the state EMS conference to be held in Columbus in early October. Our involvement includes selecting the speakers and training sessions. Many of our monthly guest speakers at training meetings will be taking part in this conference, which is held quarterly at locations around the state.

This month, a resident called for a blood pressure check that led to their being transported to St. Ann’s, and we are glad they called.

Minerva Park Runs
08/01 Maplewood  Ill person
08/01 Woodley  Ill person
08/10 161 & Westerville  Auto accident
08/12 Cleveland Ave.  Auto accident
08/12 Maplewood  Service run
08/14 Briar Rose  Difficulty breathing
08/15 Cleveland Ave.  Fire
08/18 Farview  Child locked in car
08/19 Maplewood  Injured infant
08/20 Westerville Rd.  Difficulty breathing
08/22 Minerva Lake Rd.  Walk in (injured person)
08/27 Cleveland Ave.  Possible heart attack

Word of the Month
Psycholepsy — A condition marked by sudden changes in mood.

The Minerva Park Time Capsule

Did you know ...

A certain degree of modernization came to the police division in 1961 when a special speedometer was purchased for Marshall Charles Counts’ car. A siren and beacon light were installed in Raymond Basham’s vehicle.

Beginning in 1962, all police personnel were considered to be emergency squad members. The police division by October 1963 could boast several deputy marshals; they included Jacques Petrie, Lee Rupp, Jim Greiner, Herm Groezinger, Carl Romine, Charles Counts, James Korus, and John Busellato.

The chief marshal and his two deputies were to patrol in 1964 an average of 30 hours per month. An ordinance passed in May 1965 increased the marshal’s pay to $1,050 per year. Deputies’ salaries were raised to $840 per month.

An Excerpt from:
“A History of Minerva Park 1895 - 1992"

Classified Ad
For Sale 1979 VW Beetle Convertible. 54000 + miles, riverblue metallic, black top, good shape. If interested, contact Don Champney (882-3318).
Flora Says — I am pleased to report that for the second year in a row Minerva Park has won 2 of the 5 awards given by the Beautification Committee of the Northland Community Council. Harold Hard (5377 Park Lane Ct.) won "Best Residence" and the island across from the golf course was chosen "Best Civic and Community Properties." Award presentation will take place in February.

On this date, September 14th, the annuals really hit their peak. I invited a rider, who wishes to remain anonymous, to help me select the most colorful yards. While this month the intensity of color was the main criterion, in most cases large healthy plants on well kept properties were an aid in creating a favorable impression. Remember, this was our judgment on this date only, by the time you read this, frost or cold nights may have destroyed the great look.

Dawson’s (2681 Lakewood) have a lot of blue salvia and ageratum, salmon geraniums, and yellow marigolds. The Stewart’s (2642 Maplewood) have lots of salmon impatiens. The Lude’s (2606 Maplewood) have salmon impatiens and geraniums spread over a large area (they are even visible beyond the driveway in the back yard). Yellow marigolds and pink & red begonias were across the drive. At 2782 Maplewood, impatiens of many colors along the front and included in a long flower box on the porch. At 5325 Ponderosa, there are lots of dusty miller with red, salmon, and fuchsia colored impatiens. A hanging basket of dark orange impatiens and another of red hanging begonias. In the corner of the porch is an arrangement with dominating pink geraniums. Tom and Kay Thompson (2743 Alder Vista) have large groups of various colors of impatiens. The dark orange ones together with the tall orange marigolds look good with the rust shutters and the earth tone permastone. The Wilke’s (2662 Alder Vista) have rose and white impatiens and rose geraniums that look good with the pink toned brick of their house’s front. Of the many courts in the park, North Lake Ct. was the most colorful with every house contributing; salmon impatiens and geraniums as one, a huge blue spruce at the next, all colors and kinds of flowers next, and finally various colors of impatiens set off by ageratum. At 3001 Carleton Ct., there is a white house with black trim which makes the 2 baskets of red impatiens on the front porch stand out. Red salvia and yellow marigolds surround a fountain in the side yard along Ponderosa Drive. Other yards that contained a lot of color included: Fulton’s (2855 Alder Vista), 2693 Alder Vista, McKinney’s (3064 Minerva Lake), 3109 Minerva Lake, Estep’s (3138 Minerva Lake), Speck’s (3237 Minerva Lake), 3245 Minerva Lake, Fritsche’s (2615 Briar Rose), 2714 Wildwood, R. Volpe’s (2832 Wildwood), 2573 Wildwood, 5375 Park Lane, 2939 Kerrwood, and 5271 East Shore.

A few other things which we noticed that were a bit different were a dwarf late blooming blue flowered shrub known as Caryopteris blue mist at the Jones’s (5073 Maplewood). A milk can in the corner of the porch containing pink petunias, salmon geraniums and marigolds is at Simonetti’s (2660 Lakewood). At 3353 Kerrwood, there was extensive use of caladium along the side of the house. These are very good in the shade and come with leaves of many colors ranging from white through pink to red. They do not like the cold soil plant in June and expect the cold nights to do them in. I use them as pot plants so I can rush them back in during cold spells. The first house on the south side of Jordan Road (no name or number on the mailbox) has the most beautiful tall huge dahlias that I have ever seen growing. They must be getting ready to go to a show as they were shaded by dozens of tall umbrellas.

Sadly this is the end of the Summer reports. Things are so beautiful everywhere, soon your Minerva Flora Committee will be preparing a new bed on Maplewood near the road to the old sewer plant in preparation for moving the plants from the Maplewood and Minerva Lake Road entrances before the widening of Cleveland Avenue begins.
Leaf Pick-up

The Village of Minerva Park will begin its Leaf Collection Program on Friday October 21st and continue through November 28th. In the past, residents have expressed a desire to be notified when the collection days will take place. In an effort to respond to this request, a schedule has been developed which will hopefully give residents enough time to get their leaves to the street for pick-up.

Please keep in mind that the leaf collection crew may at times work ahead of schedule in an effort to stay ahead of heavy leaf fall periods or pending inclement weather. The crew will return to your area during the published collection periods.

Your adherence to the following guidelines will help ensure prompt professional service and successful leaf collection season:

1) No foreign materials such as brush, twigs, or grass clippings. Objects such as stones, bricks, or large rocks can cause severe damage to the vacuum collection equipment. Please be a responsible citizen and keep your curb and street area free of these debris.

2) **Rake leaves to the curb area only, NOT into the street!** Although leaves left on the grass may cause some discoloration, yellowing is not long term and grass recovers quickly. Leaves left in the street become wet and may block storm sewers.

3) Refrain from parking in the street during scheduled collection weeks. Transferring leaves from behind parked vehicles significantly affects our ability to provide timely collection, which can create schedule delays and increases manpower costs.

The following list shows the Minerva Park streets and the 4 areas they have been divided into:

A) Jordan Rd., Park Lane Ct., and Park Lane Dr.
B) Lakewood Dr., Maplewood Dr., Briar Rose, Alder Vista Dr., Lakeland Ct., and the Foot Path
C) Minerva Lake Rd., East Shore Dr., Kerrwood, Ponderosa Ave., Carlton Ct., Berryline Ct., Valley Rd., East Shore Ct., North Lake St., and North Bay Dr.

Please make certain that your leaves are raked to the curb on a weekly basis.

Collection will begin in area A which is the far North side and rotate through the Park. In previous years, area A has had the earliest and heaviest downfall of leaves. The crew will then move on to areas B, C, and D. Every effort will be made to maintain a consistent removal in all areas until the final clean sweep is made in late November. The number of pickups in each area will range between five and nine depending upon leaf concentration and weather conditions. A large effort will be made to reduce the number and frequency of dumping trips.

We thank you for your cooperation in getting your leaves to the street in a timely manner. With your help, we will have a successful leaf collection season. If you have any questions, please call the Community Building (882-5743).
Mayor's Corner
Contributed by Jack Murray

I think it's appropriate that we pay tribute to our past mayor, David Blair, who died Sunday morning, September 11th, after a lengthy illness. So, we'll dedicate this month's MAYOR'S CORNER to Mayor Blair.

Dave put his heart and hands into his effort to be a good mayor. He always tried to help everyone with a concern. I worked with him on a number of projects, some of which did not come out to his liking, but he seldom criticized; rather, he would express appreciation for the effort. For those of you who didn't know Dave well, I'd like to tell you a little something about him.

David was born August 23, 1916, at his parents' home, 1630 Pembroke Avenue, Columbus. He attended school in Columbus until he went to Tennessee to stay with his sister and her husband where he finished high school. He later enrolled in OSU but left after three and a half years to take a job with the Norfolk & Western Railroad. Dave started flying lessons in 1937 and later joined the Air Force as a pilot. After his stint in the Air Force, he went back to N&W Railroad and retired in 1976 after 37 years of service. He married Jeanne McKee on March 26, 1956, and moved to a farm at 13447 Robins Road where they reared their three sons. They moved to Minerva Park in 1963.

Dave was elected to Village Council in 1984 and Mayor in 1987. He served as Mayor until November of 1993. He was a very energetic man who seemed to be involved in about everything that went on in the Village. During the fall leaf pickup program, he not only supervised, he had a rake in his hand and worked right along with the crew. He was a fellow pilot and an avid Malibu Grand Prix race car driver. He won the Mayor's race every year he entered. I, among many others, will miss Dave.

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Test Your Financial Vocabulary Skills

How strong is your command of financial terms? Circle the answer that best describe the terms given.

1. What is a "best rating"?
A. A standard to measure leading mutual funds.
B. Rating of financial soundness of insurance companies.
C. Your spouse's pick of the evening's television offerings.
D. A weekly overview of most actively traded stocks.

2. What is a testamentary trust?
A. A trust created by a will.
B. A public statement of trust in a corporation by its major stockholders.
C. A trust involving specific assets granted during the lifetime of the grantor.
D. None of the above.

3. What is "near money"?
A. Holdings in precious metals.
B. Assets that are easily converted to cash.
C. Currency used at college functions to purchase near beer.
D. Cash assets under a will facing imminent release by the probate court.

4. What is a "REIT"?
A. A Real Estate Investment Trust.
B. A Rental Exclusion of Interest Tax.
C. A Regular Excess Interest Transfer.
D. A Regulated Estate Interest Trust.

5. What is a "sector fund"?
A. A particular group of stocks, usually found in one industry.
B. The apportionment of tax dollars among federal budget sectors.
C. A portion of stock holdings from which you may sell shares without fees.
D. A specialized mutual fund that invests in one industry.

6. What is a "AMT"?
A. The machine that allows you to make automated deposits and withdrawals to your bank or credit card accounts.
B. An added measure of taxation on "luxury" items.
C. An annualized mortgage transaction statement.
D. A federal tax ensuring that all individuals and corporations pay at least some tax.

7. What is a "pass-through"?
A. A security that passes income from debtors through an intermediary to investors.
B. A charitable foundation that acts as an intermediary between charitable donors and beneficiaries of contributions made.
C. A method of passing assets while avoiding the generation — skipping tax.
D. All of the above.

Source of definitions: Baron's dictionary of Finance and Investment terms, second edition.

BUZZ COCKRELL

BUZZ COCKRELL AND WIFE MARY JEAN HAVE LIVED AT 5310 ELMWOOD FOR 33 YEARS. BUZZ, FORMER OWNER OF JIM CHICKS RESTAURANT IN LINDEN, OPENED COCKRELL'S RESTAURANT IN WESTERVILLE IN 1970. HE SLEPT IN 1986, BUT IT STILL BEARS HIS NAME. IN 1978, SEEING ALL THE OLD BUZZARDS WHO CAME INTO HIS PLACE EVERY MORNING FOR BREAKFAST BUT MOSTLY FOR GAB, HE GAVE THEM A ROOM IN BACK WHERE THEY COULD MEET ONCE A MONTH. THEN THE AD-HOC BUZZARDS CLUB WAS FORMED. THERE IS NO CONSTITUTION OR BY-LAWS AND NO DUES. THEY SIMPLY GATHER, DRINK COFFEE, SHO HAPPY BIRTHDAY, OVER A PIECE OF CAKE, Swap LIES, AND ENJOY EACH OTHER'S COMPANY. THE ENGAGEMENT IS VERY STRONG. A COLD MIRROR IS HELD TO THE CANDIDATE'S MOUTH. THE CAN'T FOG IT GODYE. BUZZ SERVED SEVERAL TERMS ON MINERVA PARK COUNCIL AND WAS MAYOR FOR 8 YEARS. HE NOW DEALS IN BUTTEN'S REAL ESTATE. HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE OHIO RESTAURANTS IN 1983-84. BUZZ DOESN'T LOOK ANY OLDER THAN HE DID YEARS AGO. SAYS FORGET THAT DORIAN GRAY BIT!

QUEEN MARY FLORA

TOOK A RIDE WITH LARRY AND ERNIE DOWN TO LARRY'S UNCLE EARL'S HOME IN CHUMSVILLE. THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP WAS TO INSTALL A BIRD WATCHER ON MOVING BLIND. A NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME VIOLINIST? IF YOU KNOW, PLEASE CALL ME. I'M BURSTING WITH CURIOUSITY.

LATELY I'VE SEEN THIS STRANGE PHENOMENA GOING UP AND DOWN OUR STREETS. JIM FISCHER AMONG FOLKAGE. WHAT IS IT? Practice FOR A PARADE FLOAT. MINERVA GREEK GOD BOYFRIEND. A BIRD WATCHER ON MOVING BLIND?

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR BONNIE LINES TO ADVERTISE HER COOK BOOKS
**Community Meeting** (continued from page 3) wanted the swings moved as they located on golf course property. Village Engineer Lee Rupp looked at the survey of the playground and along with input from Jim Groezinger, the golf course owner, the swings were moved north of the monkey bars. Now, knowing where the boundaries between the golf course and the playground were, the Children's Activities Committee requested that Village money be allocated from the 1993 budget. This was done, but by the end of 1993, nothing was added to the playground. A demographic survey was conducted by Virginia Riggins (then chairperson of the CAC) that showed a majority of the children lived on the south side of the Park, thereby justifying adding to the playground. There was also a prevailing feeling of wanting to keep the children from crossing Minerva Lake Road to utilize the equipment at Hawthorne School. The discussion was then opened to comments from the citizens.

Mr. McSwain, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Mae all made valuable comments and several solutions were proposed. The conclusion of this discussion was that at this point, none of the equipment would be moved, but any plans to add to the playground in the future would be shared with these residents prior to the addition.

On the topic of the pillars, we have received a verbal estimate from one stone mason of $7500-$10,000 to perform the following: dismantling the pillars, classifying the stones to be saved, transporting the stone to his property for storage, helping design new pillars (with an architect), returning the stone, and building the pillars to our specifications.

The following suggestions were proposed: 1) Let the city destroy the pillars, haul the stone away at their expense, and use new limestone to build the pillars, 2) Use the stone to build smaller, identical pillars (similar to those at Jordan, Woodley, and Wildwood) and use any remaining stone for a retaining wall at the Community Building and around the mailbox, 3) Determine if we need or want pillars or any identifying landmark at the entrances, and 4) Do we want to hold a town meeting on the subject.

Mary Yost also wants to see the wooden “Village of Minerva Park” signs at the entrances repaired.