MPCA Highlights

Our January meeting began with a brief outline of the Geographic Information System (GSI) presented by Joe Testa of the Franklin County Auditors office. Joe Testa explained how the system works and that it is available to everyone downtown in the State Building should you wish to view the system. You can also call 462-7272 for more information on GSI.

New residents were greeted and given a brief summary from each chairperson explaining their activity and the responsibilities of each committee.

We would like to thank the new residents who came to our January meeting and would invite any resident to come and give us your ideas, suggestions, or help.

A note to walkers and joggers, now that it gets dark very early in the evening, we would like to suggest you wear light clothing and also carry a flashlight. Some residents have requested we put this in our newsletter to avoid an accident.

Committee Reports

The MPCA will be working on the 4th of July parade and the 100th Anniversary Celebration. If you would like to help or have any ideas or suggestions please call a board member.

Our Annual Lake Clean-up and walk-a-thon (for the two scholarships awarded each year) are scheduled for April. In May we will have our Annual Garage Sale. Look in the upcoming VILLAGER's for specific dates.

Our February meeting will begin with the presentation of the "Block Watch" program, if you are interested, please come to the meeting.

Our new Directories are ready and if you have not received one, a volunteer should stop and see you shortly, if you do not receive a directory please call Rolla Wagner.

The MPCA has started a cost evaluation for mailing the VILLAGER to each resident. The current method of delivery, although relatively inexpensive, all too often gets the VILLAGER thrown away by accident because it comes with all of the weekly ads.

MPCA's Council Report

Rolla Wagner gave a report on the January Council meeting. Mayor Murray is working on the possibility of expanding the Community Building to make room for a Senior Citizen Center. If anyone would like more information please contact the Mayor. If funding is received for the center, a town meeting will be held.

The overnight parking ordinance has not been resolved, Council would like feedback from residents.

A study is being done on the lakes to check the sediment and to determine if the lakes would need to be dredged and/or filled. A preliminary study of the lakes has been done by BBC&M Engineering, Inc. and is available to any resident should they wish to review. If the Army Corp. of Engineers would take over the project, they would supply all of the funding.

February Calendar
02 Planning and Zoning Meeting, 7 p.m.
13 Village Council Meeting, 8 p.m.
14 Valentine’s Day
15 MPCA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
16 THE VILLAGER Deadline, 5 p.m.
20 President’s Day
General Topics
The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Mayor Murray. A correction was made to the 11/14/94 minutes regarding Ordinance 9-94, which should have read third reading.

Mayor's Report to Council - The Mayor reported that St. Ann's Hospital District Board will be meeting this week. The Village needs to consider if we should apply for expansion of the Community Building through CDBG/Home/Funds. The application deadline is December 23rd. The Mayor gave a brief presentation of a rough drawing of the expansion. After discussion, Paul Hastings made a motion authorizing the Mayor to submit an application for expansion of the Community Building to include a Senior Center, seconded by Bob Landy. All approved.

Planning and Zoning Commission
Pat Mangan, Chairman, reported that at the last meeting of the Commission, they denied a canopy request to the Eggroll Carryout on Cleveland Avenue and approved a sign for President Tuxedo.

A variance request was asked by James Cannon, 2920 Minerva Lake Road, for a garage addition. After discussion, Paul Hastings made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Lynn Eisentruit. All approved.

A second variance request was asked for by James Cannon for lot# 457, which is directly north of his present home. The variance is needed because the lot is 70’ wide and present code calls for 80’ frontage. After discussion, Paul Hastings made a motion to approve the request for building a residence on lot# 457, seconded by Jon Self. Dave Stahr made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Pam Park-Curry. Council reconvened @ 10:30 pm. Request was approved 5 to 1.

Committee Reports
Community - Lynn Eisentruit will be getting two estimates for the removal of the pillars after Christmas. She will also be looking into the recycling of Christmas trees for next year.

Streets - The leaf pick-up has been completed and the leaf machine is being stored in Jeanne Blair's barn on the farm. Dave Stahr advised that his committee will meet to re-evaluate the leaf pick-up program and will decide about selling the old leaf machines. The survey of the lakes by BBC & M is almost complete. Dave will have a complete report for next month's meeting.

Service - None.

Finance - Pam Park-Curry made a motion that the bills be approved for payment, seconded by Bob Landy. All approved.

Safety - Paul Hastings has been reviewing the financial status of the Central Ohio Health Care Consortium and will keep reviewing their status over the next 9 months or so.

Legislation - Bob Landy read Resolution 94-23, a resolution to transfer funds from the Building Bond Trust Fund to the General Fund. Bob Landy moved to accept the second reading of Resolution 94-23, seconded by Paul Hastings. All approved.

Bob Landy read Resolution 94-28, a resolution to amend Resolution 94-27 passed November 14, 1994, authorizing the Clerk Treasurer to invest $100,000 at the highest interest rate possible by changing State Savings to National City Bank and to declare an emergency. Bob Landy moved for passage of Resolution 94-28, seconded by Paul Hastings. All approved.

Bob Landy read Resolution 94-29, a resolution to amend resolution 94-9, dated March 14, 1994, "Annual Appropriations Resolution" by transferring certain monies within the General Fund and to the Waterline Phase I Fund and to declare an emergency. Bob Landy moved for passage of Resolution 94-29, seconded by Paul Hastings. All approved.

Bob Landy read Resolution 94-30, a resolution to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Minerva Park, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 1995, and to declare an emergency. Bob Landy moved for passage of Resolution 94-30, seconded by Paul Hastings. All approved.

Bob Landy read Ordinance 8-94, an ordinance providing for the employment of a Director of Law for the Village of Minerva Park for the calendar year 1995, with an option to extend employment through 1996. Bob Landy moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 8-94, seconded by Lynn Eisentruit. All approved. Bob
Landy moved that the third reading of the ordinance be waived, seconded by Dave Stahr. All approved. Bob Landy moved for passage of ordinance 8-94, seconded by Pam Park-Curry. All approved.

Bob Landy read Ordinance 9-94, an ordinance to establish that anyone doing work for the Village of Minerva Park for pay as a non-elected part-time, temporary, or seasonal employee must be listed on the Village payroll as an employee. Bob Landy moved for passage of Ordinance 9-94, seconded by Pam Park-Curry. All approved.

Bob Landy read Ordinance 11-94, an ordinance levying special assessments for the improvement of Jordan Road, Park Lane, Park Lane Court, and Park Lane Drive by construction of the roadway and the installation of a storm sewer. Bob Landy moved to accept the second reading of Ordinance 11-94, seconded by Paul Hastings. All approved.

Old Business

Council agreed that an old typewriter may be sold. There has been no word yet on the large waterline repair bill from the City of Columbus. The suspects involved in the car thefts in the Park are now in the County jail. Off-Street parking still needs to be discussed by Council.

New Business

There was a discussion of the need for bullet-proof vests for the EMS and Police Department. Pam Park-Curry made a motion to spend up to $3600 for 6 vests @ $600 each, 4 for the EMS and 2 for the Police Department, seconded by Lynn Eisentrout. All approved.

Special Village Council Meeting (December 29, 1994)

Bob Landy read Resolution 94-31, a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor and to declare an emergency. Bob Landy moved for passage of Resolution 94-31, seconded by Lynn Eisentrout. All approved.

Bob Landy read Resolution 94-32, a resolution to authorize the Mayor to submit a proposal for the funding to establish and build a Senior Center and to declare an emergency. Bob Landy moved for passage of Resolution 94-32, seconded by Paul Hastings. All approved.

Mayor Murray announced that Dave Lane has submitted his resignation effective 12/31/94. A replacement name will be given to the Safety Committee for consideration. The Mayor also announced that the Blendon, Westerville, Minerva Park District Board will meet tomorrow 12/30/94, regarding change of ownership or merger plans.

A discussion concerning Village projects was also held by Council. All proposals for the Village - the pool, the lakes, and the dam will be considered by the Nature Works Grant Program of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. ODNR wants the Village to prioritize the projects. Lynn Eisentrout made a motion that of the three projects submitted to the Nature Works Grant Program, to please consider the pool project as the first priority, seconded by Pam Park-Curry. All approved. The Mayor will do so in a letter to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.
Mayor's Corner
Contributed by Jack Murray

Are you ready for this?
The Federal Highway Administration is proposing to change highway signs from English to Metric! The change would include all signs showing speed, weight and distance. I'd have to carry a conversion chart with me for a while! Another highway note: a bill going into effect this year provides fines for speeders in construction zones to be twice the amount for motorists who speed elsewhere. A Westerville woman driving through a construction zone on I-270 was clocked at 104 miles per hour. She was in a hurry to get home--her husband threatened to cook dinner!

We have submitted an application for funding from the Housing and Urban Development Block Grant Program for a senior center and a community activities facility. The intent at this time is to enlarge the present facility by adding on enough space to have an activities room. If there is any indication that we might be eligible, we will hold a public meeting to get your input. It is also my intent to conduct a postcard survey to give everyone an opportunity to make comments.

As we start our new year, I would welcome comments from you, our residents, and I'm sure the members of council would like to hear from you if you have concerns that we may not be addressing. You might be interested in knowing that I will be conducting a training seminar for our police department which will consist of a review of our laws and, especially, attitudes and public relations. I'm concerned that our Village police maintain a positive image in the eyes of the residents. If you have comments, a note would be appreciated. Please use our P. O. Box No. 29070, zip code 43229.

As I reported earlier, we are trying to find a way to dredge our lakes and slow the erosion along the banks of Kilbourne Run. In late November and early December, an engineering study was conducted to determine the current depth of the lakes, the siltation rate, and a chemical analysis of the sediment was done. The results of this study were presented to the Village Council on January 9th. It appears that the south lake is filling with silt at a rather rapid rate while the north lake is not. Analysis of the sediment was determined to be non-toxic. For detailed information on this project, contact councilman Dave Stahr.

The District 3 Public Works Integrating Committee of the Ohio Public Works Commission is meeting this month to consider our proposal, along with 59 others, for Phase III waterline replacement. This project will replace the lines along Minerva Lake Road. By the time you read this, we should know if our application has been selected by the District 3 Committee for consideration. The next step is for approval by the state committee which I expect in April or May of this year. The engineering for our Phase II project has been approved by Columbus, so we can now go out for construction bids. The actual construction should begin in early spring and, if all goes well, completed before the 4th of July parade.

The Minerva Park Time Capsule
Did you know ...
(Continued from last month...) The big day arrived on June 17, 1963 when the facility was formally opened to the public. The two-year dream was now a reality. The $62,000 Z-shaped pool sat upon a 23-acre tract. Included in the dedication program was the diving show by Jim Patterson and his son.

The first issue bond holders numbered 144 by June 30. The interest of 5% would be paid annually until the bonds were redeemed in 10 years. The bonds were sold by the non-profit corporation. Slabaugh was the big bond holder in as much as he included a bond in many of his home sales.

Ron O'Brien, an OSU and 1960 Olympic alternate diver, conducted his first diving school at the pool in 1964. Harry Moore's son, Tim earned #1 rank in 1964 at the AAU meet. The Minerva Park native son was a member of the 1976 Olympic diving team.

The turnstile was installed in 1966. It was purchased from Scioto Downs where Lee Rupp was a supervisor. The first Teen Dance was staged on May 28; a live band performed. Operation of the pool showed a net profit of $5,255 that year. The first Dinner-dance was held on July 1, 1967. Due to a poor financial season, the teen dances were temporarily discontinued.

Considerable improvements took place during the spring of 1968. These included the planting of three new trees behind the pool. The Women's Club donated $300 to be spent for trees and shrubs. The Swim Club purchased two folding umbrella tables, five garden umbrellas, one croquet set, one basketball, seven folding lounges, two shuffleboard sets and a new public address system.

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

Word of the Month
Grampus — A marine mammal related to and resembling the dolphins but lacking a beaklike snout.
Minerva Park
Squad Report

In December, Squad 119 made 191 runs; 38 runs into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 9 into Minerva Park. 55 patients were transported to local hospitals. For the year, the squad made 2107 runs and transported 716 patients. Both totals are all-time highs.

Members volunteered a total of 1679 hours for the month, raising the total to 20,712 hours for all of 1994. This yearly total of volunteered hours represents an 8% increase over our 1993 levels and, to the best of our knowledge, also is an all-time high.

The leading volunteers for the month were John Owens (150 hours), Renee Wood (87), and Curt Gannon (86). John also finished the year well in the lead, with 1741 hours. Second and third place for the year were Curt Gannon (1270) and Ken Muth (1096).

The Department has filed its 1995 medical protocol with the state. Changes include permission to carry Albuterol breathing treatments for asthmatics and 50% dextrose for patients in insulin shock.

Minerva Park Runs

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Flora Says

"When Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"
Now is an excellent time to evaluate "winter interest" at your home. First look out all the windows of your house. Does everything look like a bunch of sticks or can you see some nice Evergreen trees and bushes? Hollies also have red berries which last until spring. If you decide to add some of them, remember you need a male plant to fertilize the females and that, like all broad leaved evergreens, they prefer acid soil so they need acidification each year. Incidentally, you can also buy hollies with yellow berries. I got mine by accident 31 years ago and it is a great conversation piece. There are also hollies that lose their leaves and whose berries as a result are even more showy.

Once you are satisfied with what you see or you have noted changes that need to be made, view your house from the street. Styles in landscaping do change but in general, the foundation should be planted to emphasize a welcoming entrance rather than hide it. I remember years ago spending days helping a neighbor pick out a desirable crabapple for the front yard. Her husband then went off with his pick up truck to get it and when next I looked, had it planted in the middle of the yard in front of the door. I asked why there and Connie replied "everyone else has a tree in the middle of the yard". I pointed out that everyone else's front door is not necessarily in the middle of the yard and fortunately her nice husband agreed that it should be moved. If you want to screen your house from the street (or the street from your view as you look out) do so but most people prefer to welcome visitors rather than reject them. To attract attention to the entrance, use an ornamental shrub or small tree beside the door and unless your house has a balanced front (door in center and same number of windows on each side) use one plant; not one on each side. In general, residents have a tendency to buy 2 of the same tree and plant them the same distance from the street (or buy two ornamental shrubs and put one on each side of the entrance). If you have trouble visualizing asymmetrical balance, take a picture of your house to a good nursery and ask for help. Winter is the time to do this when they aren't busy. Other suggestions might include:

1. Painting the front door a distinctive color and painting the garage door and downspout to match the house.

2. Build out the house corners with taller shrubs or small trees so that there is a graceful curve from the front door to the sides of the property rather than having the shrubs in the foundation lined up in a straight line like soldiers on parade.

3. Have some variety in plant material but avoid looking like a display garden. There is a tendency to plant a Taxus hedge across the front of every house facing North. Some broad leaved plants that grow well on the North (and also on the East) are Mahonia Coregon grape holly, Leucothe holly and Euonymous. Rhododendron, Azalea and Mountain Laurel take a little more tender loving care. On the South and West sides you can use Taxus but also Pines, Spruce, Juniper, Pfitzers Chamecypirlis and Grasses do well but don't plant broad leaved Evergreens, particularly close to the house.

4. Eventual size is important in the selection of all plant material. I listen to people fussing about a plant being too close to the house and I remember trying to convince the then owner of the house to plant it farther out because in 10 (or so) years it will be wider than that, getting the answer, " I won't be here then" or from younger people I hear, "I can always prune it" and I'll clue you-pruning gets harder and harder as the plant gets bigger and you get older. I have a Rhododendron that is 10' tall and planted under a picture window it would be a disaster if I was interested in looking at my lake view.

5. Plant Evergreen trees in the yard, particularly on the North side of the house where you don't need shade trees. It will improve the winter look, will help frame the house and you don't have to rake their leaves. Pines and Spruces are good but avoid norway Spruce and Scotch Pines which get too large.

6. Check the sides of your property. Does your planting go straight across the front of the house and then come to a screeching halt leaving a bare side very visible? Consider doing what the Browns of 2863 Lakewood did — round the corner with a couple of shrubs and then plant a Rose garden. The Roses do well year after year on the West side of the house in the small area between the house and the driveway and they can be admired by the owners every time they go in and out of the garage and aren't noticeable in winter.

7. You can add interest to a planting by mixing needed Evergreen with broad leaved ones, or evergreens with deciduous plants, or dwarf with medium, or tall shrubs and light green with dark green, or blue green with yellow green. Variety is the spice of life and winter planting can be interesting. In addition a few bulbs bloom very early. Plant winter Aconite (pale yellow) and Snowdrops (white) and Crocus species (small and very early) for bloom in early February (or later depending on the season).

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Hi neighbor
February 1995

PARK PERSONALITY

Joann Melsop
Joann and husband James have resided at 279 Lakewood Rd. since 1969, coming here from Gulfport Miss. Both have been active in village projects. Joann was head of the children's committee for two years. She will now be the Park Welcome. Since Ginny Gordon resigned as Mayor's secretary, Joann is her replacement so she could run the leaf pick-up machine in an emergency.

MINERVA PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The villager and park directory

Easter egg hunt

Lake clean up

Playground

Parades and special events

Minerva flora

Pool events

Portland community council

I asked a prominent villager if he was an M.P.C.A. member. His reply was no. I don't have time to belong to anything else. Many don't understand the situation. Your $10 fee is really a donation. The M.P.C.A. staffed totally by volunteers is responsible for all park activities not covered by council and as you well know, it costs money for every thing. This paper, the Villager and M.P.C.A. activities are delivered without charge to every person in the park. See why your contribution is needed.

TONY APONTE recently acquired Cockrell's restaurant in Westerville and renamed it "The Country Cupboard." He graciously allows us old buzzards to still meet in the back room. Now as an unexpected honor we have named a sandwich for us. It is called "The Old Buzzards Bologna and Cheese Sandwich." The bologna is appropriate. It is a bonding combination. We predict a guy with imagination like his will go places. He has great plans. Stopin and give him a try.
Police News

12/01 Aggravated Robbery, a known subject entered a business in the 5200 block of Cleveland Avenue, and robbed the owner at gun point.

12/03 Breaking and Entering, dispatched to a business in the 5300 block of Cleveland Avenue, on a breaking and entering in progress. False Alarm.

12/07 Breaking and Entering, dispatched to a business in the 5300 block of Westerville Road, on a breaking and entering in progress. False Alarm.

12/12 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to the 2500 block of Lakewood Drive on a burglary in progress. False Alarm.

12/18 Dead Person, dispatched to Minerva Park Place, persons expired due to natural causes.

12/20 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to the 2800 block of Lakewood Drive on a burglary in progress. False Alarm.

12/21 Theft, person(s) unknown entered a business in the 2900 block of E. Dublin-Granville Road, and removed $589.00 in cash from the cash drawer.

12/26 Vandalism, person(s) unknown cut the wiring of Christmas tree lights that were displayed in bushes in the 2700 block of Maplewood Drive.

Flora Says (Continued from page 6)

Since the blooms are very small you need to start with a large group placed where you can see it every time you go in and out of the house.

8. Since this is Winter, it is easy to see what could be improved for next year, but this is planning time for year round interest. Face the fact that flowering trees are gorgeous for one week and some have colorful fruits lasting maybe two weeks and where we all need them we need Evergreens more. But, we need to make sure we reserve space for bulbs, for many varieties of perennials, for deciduous shrubs that have bloom and/or color, and for annuals as well.

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