**MPCA Highlights**

Don Champney, a resident of Minerva Park, has been elected to the position of Vice President of the Northland Community Council (NCC). Don is our representative from Minerva Park and we wish him the best as Vice President. The NCC has been collecting food for the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. If any resident would like to contribute any food items, please drop them off at the Community Building.

The Squad personnel will be giving instructions on CPR which will be held at the Community Building. If you are interested, please call 882-3375 for further details.

**Committee Reports**

The MPCA has planned a meeting to working on the 4th of July parade and the 100th Anniversary Celebration. For all that are interested in helping or have suggestions/ideas, the meeting will be held on March 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

Our Annual Lake Clean-up has been scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd (rain date is 4/29). Please come out to help with this event and meet your neighbors. Lunch will be served to all our volunteers.

Our Annual Garage Sale has been scheduled for Saturday, May 20th. Look in the April VILLAGER for more details.

The MPCA has been distributing our new phone directory while collecting the annual dues. We would like to thank Jody Stahr and all of the residents who paid the $10 annual membership fee, and the following residents who helped with the drive: Liane Buckingham, Marisa Dennis, Kim Dooley, Lynn Eisentrout, Tom & Kate Fletcher, Yvonne Giammarco, Jim & Rella Kehl, Bob Landy, Barbara Mascherino, Jody McClur, Kathy Rosati, Dave Stahr, Marie Takacs, and Rolla Wagner. This money is greatly appreciated and is used to produce this monthly newsletter and to fund all of the many children activities that the MPCA puts together.

If you have not been contacted, please call one of the board members and we will be happy to deliver a directory to you, or you may pick one up at the Community Building.

**MPCA's Council Report**

The widening of Cleveland Avenue will begin in the Spring and will take 6 months or longer to complete. A new Policeman will be hired soon. Council voted against the resolution presented by the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (152-94). This resolution was for an increase of $10 for every ton of solid waste. The following are the 1995 Council Committee Chairs:

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Please use the above information to update your new Minerva Park Phone Directory's Village Government section.

**March Calendar**

02 Planning and Zoning Meeting, 7 p.m.
08 4th of July Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
13 Village Council Meeting, 8 p.m.
15 MPCA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
16 THE VILLAGER Deadline, 5 p.m.
Village Council Meeting (Jan 9, 1995)

General Topics

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by Mayor Murray. Mayor Murray advised that any council member who wishes a key to the Village Office may sign for and receive one.


The minutes of the December 12, 1994, regular meeting and the December 29, 1994, special meeting were accepted as written.

Mayor's Report to Council - Mayor Murray reported that St. Ann's Hospital reached an agreement on Sunday with Mount Carmel Hospitals for a merger. The contract agreement will take 3-6 months to negotiate. The attorney for our hospital district board will participate in the agreement. He has been receiving calls from residents regarding the overnight parking on Village streets. The calls are running 5-4 for allowing parking overnight. The matter was referred to the Safety Committee to discuss and make recommendations. Everyone is to get their opinions to the Safety Committee. The committee will also review the parking of boats, RV's, and trailers. The District 3 Committee of the Ohio Public Works Commission will meet this week to review our latest application for waterline replacement for Minerva Lake Road. We would like to put new waterlines all the way to 3C, but will have to wait to see how the annexation on the other side of the abandoned RR line proceeds. Franklin County added another storm sewer line to handle water just before the abandoned RR line. The Eblin house on Minerva Lake Road recently had sewer problems. It is being investigated if the problem relates to the work that was done by Franklin County. The Franklin County Solid Waste Authority is still trying to figure out how the trash in Franklin County can be required to be dumped here. All of the EMS Squads in Franklin County will be studying the possibility of a county-wide system to manage calls and information. The MORPC is looking at the idea of a common building code for all of central Ohio. Round 10 of the Ohio Public Works has been announced. What would the Village like to proceed with. Wildwood and Woodley waterlines may be considered next. No word yet on the water bill of $19,000 from the City of Columbus.

Village Officials

Karl Garrabrandt advised that the Village EMS protocol has been changed this year to bring us up-to-date with surrounding areas. He is checking on a refresher driving course for emergency drivers and police.

Lee Rupp advised that our Waterline Replacement Phase II should go out for bids this month. The plans for Cleveland Avenue are getting approved and will be given to our Mayor for signing, and then that project will go out for bids.

Community Organizations

Rolla Wagner, President of the Minerva Park Community Association, reported that they will meet on Wednesday night. Joe Testa, Franklin County Auditor, will attend the meeting to present the GIS computer system. Plans are in the works for another 4th of July Parade. Joanne Melso will head up the Newcomers Committee. Please submit any new residents names to her. The new Village Directories are ready and will be distributed when MPCA dues are collected.

Planning and Zoning Commission

The Planning and Zoning Commission did not meet in January and there were no permit applications submitted.

Committee Reports

Community - None.

Streets - Dave Stahr advised that the leaf pick-up will be reviewed for the coming year. The county is aware of the water problem in front of Gordon Foods, and it is their responsibility to take care of it. Dave, also gave a presentation on the recent engineering work done on the lakes by BBC & M Engineering. Copies of the study are available at the Village Office.

Service - None.

Finance - Bob Landy made a motion that the bills be approved for payment, seconded by Dave Stahr. All approved.

Safety - Paul Hastings asked if the recommendations he made to the Mayor regarding hours worked by each police officer, number of citations, expenses on each cruiser, etc. have been approved yet. Mayor Murray advised that a form can be done to report this information to Council. The Safety Committee will review it.

Legislation - Bob Landy read Resolution 94-23, for the third time, a resolution to transfer funds from the Building Bond Trust Fund to the General Fund. Bob Landy moved to accept the third reading of Resolution 94-23, seconded by Paul Hastings. All approved. Bob Landy moved that Resolution 94-23 be passed, seconded by Pam Park-Curry. All approved.
Bob Landy read Ordinance 11-94, for the third time, 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 third reading of Ordinance 11-94, seconded by Paul Hastings. All approved. Bob Landy moved that Ordinance 11-94 be passed. All approved.

Mayor's Comer
Contributed by Jack Murray
The main event coming up is the continuing waterline replacement program. The engineering is complete, the bid packages are out, and we have the bid openings scheduled for March 1, 1995. We are identifying this program as Phase II. This will be a continuation of the Phase I program and will consist of the replacement of approximately 5,300 feet of 6" waterline along Elmhurst Avenue from Wildwood Road to Woodley Road, E. Shore Drive from Berry Lane to Minerva Lake Road, Lakewood Drive from Eastbridge Road to Maplewood Drive, Alder Vista Drive from Eastbridge Road to Maplewood Drive, and Maplewood Drive from Eastbridge Road to Lakewood Drive.

Phase II will complete the replacement of all waterlines on the south side of the Park.

I know the construction will create some inconvenience, but a special effort will be made to maintain traffic, keep your driveways open, and to prevent damage to your trees and landscapes. Your water will be cut off for a short period (two to four hours) while the connections are being transferred from the old line to the new one. We will try to notify you at least a day in advance of the shutoff.

I have received questions concerning the cost of this project. We applied for and received a loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission in the amount of $307,200. This loan will be repaid over a twenty-year period with a 3% rate of interest. The amount you are currently paying for water service should cover the payments, so NO increase is anticipated.

If you have specific questions about the project, please contact me at the Community Building Monday, Wednesday or Friday, 9:00 a.m. to noon, or call the Village Engineer, Lee Rupp. Financial questions should be directed to the Village Clerk-Treasurer, Betty Beatrice, at the Community Building.

The Minerva Park Time Capsule
Did you know ...

During this decade, Richard Karl (R.K.) Slabaugh Realtors developed the area known as Minerva Park North. About 23 acres had been deeded to the Village on July 15, 1963. Slabaugh's vice-president was a Park resident, Dale Bean. John and "Pat" Raike sold most of the homes in that section of the Park. The four homes that are in Carlton Court were model homes. Some residents are aware that "Carleton" is the correct spelling of Mayor Berry's given name; the current street is misspelled.

"The Alder Vista"-Cape Code style was the first in Minerva Park to use DuPont's tedlar vinyl siding; this fact was mentioned in an issue of Life Magazine. The 1/2 story structure featured a Greek-style fireplace.

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

In January, Squad 119 made 184 runs; 34 runs into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 6 into Minerva Park. 63 patients were transported to local hospitals.

Members volunteered a total of 1855 hours for the month. The leading volunteers for the month were Dave Decker (140 hours), Renee Wood (113), Allison Bookless (105), and John Owens (99).

Thus far, very few responses have been received regarding a CPR course for residents. Those interested should call Barry Brownstein at 882-1080.

The subject of the January training meeting was a review of the new asthma and insulin shock treatments that were added to our protocol by Dr. Matt Chase, our Medical Director, who led the training session. The presentation was videotaped and a second meeting was held later in the month to accommodate members whose jobs interfered with attending our regular meeting.

Word was received from the state that automatic defibrillators would be authorized for squads of our certification level as of midyear, once new training programs are developed. Endotracheal intubation will also be authorized with the same proviso. In addition to training, some expenses would be incurred to add the necessary equipment to our inventory.

Minerva Park Runs

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Flora Says —

Before the leaf collection fades completely from our minds, I would like to compliment all those who made it work smoothly again this year. I was delighted that Councilman Stahr had big signs up calling attention to the ending date. As I watched people in Columbus bagging up their leaves, I was grateful that we only had to get ours to the curb.

This is the long promised article on Trees. Last month I wrote about designing the property, and especially with trees, good placement is a necessity because you are affecting several generations of future residents. The woman I spoke to last summer who was paying $4000 to remove 2 silver maples that were hanging over her roof was reaping with woes of someone else’s mistake made over 40 years ago. She only wished she had done it sooner when it would have been less expensive.

So what good are trees? First of all they are used to frame the house either from the front, or the rear, and sometimes both. They help build out the corners to make the house look larger and give the property a three dimensional look. As mentioned last month, one small one may be used near the entrance to attract attention to it. They are usually used for shade and need to be planted where they will provide it at the desired time of day and time of year. Check your sun patterns before your plant. Trees may serve as windbreaks, especially if they are evergreens. Also, if they have fruits, they will attract birds. Finally, branch patterns, leaf/bloom colors, or bark and stem characteristics may be attractive.

Trees may be evergreen or deciduous. Evergreens are especially valuable for a nice winter look and to screen out unattractive views. I was blessed with 3 telephone poles on my small lot and evergreens planted between a pole and my important viewing spots make a big difference in what I see. They also have the advantage of not having leaves to be raked and not having a top that grows laterally into wires. Deciduous trees usually are chosen for shade, but bloom, berries and/or leaf color should be considered as well. When you have to rake the leaves, it is nice to remember that it was beautiful earlier. It is wise to select such a tree when it is in bloom or showing its full color as the case may be. A red maple does not guarantee red leaves, but rather that it has tiny red flowers in the spring.

The disadvantages of trees, particularly large ones, are leaves plus some have fruits that may be very messy. Don’t plant hawthorns to accent the front, because around February its red berries will get tracked in the front entrance. Crab apples can make a mess of your patio if you want to sit out in the fall. Oak trees grow wide and the next generation may not enjoy listening to acorns dropping on the roof all night long. Sweet gums and nut trees produce a lot of fruit that has to be cleaned up from walks, driveways, or any place you want to mow. I speak from experience when I say sweet gums are beautiful for one week and a nuisance for months. Finally, many large trees like maples are shallow rooted, and as a result they destroy the grass and crack driveways & patios.

I do not wish to discourage the planting of trees. I too admire the big tree look of Minerva Park. Some people with large lots can use several. Those with smaller lots should content themselves with one or perhaps several smaller ones. One story houses can look funny when framed by 60 foot trees. The essential thing is to take enough time in selecting the tree(s) and the placement to maximize the trees good points and to minimize their disadvantages. For most of us, at some point, we have to make a decision on whether or not a tree should go away. If it has a lot of dead in it, it can be dangerous to people or property. If you don’t like it or you have too much shade, the sooner you get rid of it, the less it will cost. In making your decision to purchase a new tree or to get rid of an old one, keep the following points in mind:

1) Know its eventual size and don’t make problems for yourself or the next generations.
2) Look up in the air for lines — we all know how the electric company’s employees mutilate trees.
3) Don’t let someone talk you into having your trees topped. They look ugly when not in leaf.
4) Do have your trees thinned to prevent wind damage and to encourage grass to grow. Also have them pruned to improve appearance.
5) When selecting crab apples, choose disease resistant varieties.
6) Consider using tall shrubs such as lilacs and some viburnums as trees. They will shade a first story window years after a maple tree has grown too tall.
7) Check hardiness in central Ohio. A lot of things sold in nurseries do well in only mild Winters. Those beautiful pink magnolias are hardy trees here, but their blooms get ruined 9 out of every ten years. So plant for the tree, not the bloom.
8) Don’t buy those beautiful white birch trees because they normally die here in less than 10 years.
9) Don’t plant silver maples! They grow too large too quickly, which makes them prone to break easily in the wind. They are also shallow rooted, and have no foliage color. Minerva Park is unfortunate in having so many of them.
10) Keep grass cut away from the trunks of trees. You may be careful, but lawn services aren't and broken bark sooner or later leads to diseased trees. A mulch around the tree does away with weeds and trimming. To my eyes, a ground cover is more attractive and in many cases can be developed into nicely shaped beds which improve the garden design. Long live good trees.

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Volunteers Needed: Please call Jeri Wunderle at 882-5023.
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Neighborhood Notes
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If you are planning to build or remodel, the Village Code of Ordinances requires that a permit be issued for any structure erected, whether it be a deck, patio, fence, or room addition. This assures that those structures will be within the zoning codes and is to everyone's advantage.

To obtain a permit, you must get an application from the Village office. The application and plans for the work will be considered and voted on by the Planning & Zoning Commission. If the plans meet all code requirements, the Commission will approve and issue the permit. If the application requires a variance, the applicant may then apply to council for a variance. If council approves the variance, the permit will be issued. Permit fees are charged in accordance with the fee schedule covering various structures.

The Planning and Zoning Commission meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Applications and plans must be received by the Planning and Zoning Clerk by the Friday prior to the meeting. A special meeting to consider an application can be scheduled if the deadline is missed, however, an additional $15 charge will be added to the permit fee.

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MYRON AND LILLIAN EIS

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IN LEWIS CAROL'S ALICE IN WONDERLAND, ALICE ASKS THE QUEEN, "WHY IS EVERYBODY RUNNING SO FAST? WHERE ARE THEY GOING? TO WHICH THE QUEEN REPLIES, "THEY ARE NOT GOING ANYWHERE. THEY HAVE TO RUN AS FAST AS THEY CAN TO STAY WHERE THEY ARE, IF THEY WANT TO GET ANYWHERE THEY MUST RUN TWICE AS FAST. --SOUND FAMILIAR?"

OUR POLICE CHIEF, BOB HILLYARD, SAYS EVERY TIME VILLAGERS MOST FOLLICIOUS HERE IN THE VILLAGE HE CHECKS TO SEE WHERE LARRY AND ERNIE WERE AT THE TIME. THE DIFFICULTY OF GETTING ANYTHING ON THEM HE SAYS IS THAT ERNIE LIES AND LARRY SWEARS TO IT.

LARRY

ERNIE

SISY LUKO

SAID SHE HAD IN BANANA PEEL

I WANT A PIECE OF GRAPEFRUIT

PIE, THE SEEDS SOMETHING ON ERNIE

SOMETHING ON ERNIE

I WAS SUCH A MEAN KID MY MOTHER MADE ME HIDE MY OWN EASTER EGGS.

LARRY

ERNIE

STAN'S DAYTIME NITE CLUB

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MYRTLE

NO COVER

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Police News

01/13 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to the 2800 block of Lakewood Drive on a burglary in progress. False Alarm.

01/13 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to the 2500 block of Wildwood Road on a burglary in progress. False Alarm.

01/13 Domestic Violence, dispatched to the 2900 block of Kerrwood, on a domestic dispute. Argument was over a damaged vehicle. One person assaulted.

01/15 Theft, a known suspect came into Minerva Park Place Nursing Home and removed property belonging to an employee.

01/18 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to the 5300 block of Ponderosa Drive on a burglary in progress. False Alarm.

01/19 Breaking and Entering in Progress, dispatched to Gordon Food Services on Cleveland Avenue, on a breaking and entering in progress. False Alarm.

01/19 Public Indecency, a female was walking in the area of E. Shore Dr., at which time she observed a small vehicle parked on E. Shore Dr. at Minerva Lake Road. As she got closer to the vehicle, a male subject raised up and exposed himself.

01/20 Theft, a possible known suspect removed several pieces of jewelry from a resident in the 2500 block of Lakewood Drive.

01/21 Breaking and Entering in Progress, dispatched to Victor's Crafts on Cleveland Avenue, on a breaking and entering in progress. False Alarm.

01/21 Unsecure Door, while performing a routine business check of Gordon Food Services, a door was found unsecure. Business was checked, and then the door was secured.

01/25 Theft, a possible known suspect removed several items from a resident in the 5300 block of Parklane Drive.

01/25 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to the 2800 block of Lakewood Drive on a burglary in progress. False Alarm.

01/26 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to the 2800 block of Lakewood Drive on a burglary in progress. False Alarm.

01/31 Aggravated Burglary, was dispatched to the 3000 block of Carleton Court on an aggravated burglary. Franklin County Sheriff's Department investigating.

01/31 Criminal Damaging, in the area of Minerva Park Swim Club, a known suspect did drive over the lawn owned by the Village, causing damage.

Word of the Month

Laterally — An adverb meaning of, relating to, or situated at or on the side; horizontally.

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