MPCA Highlights

Fourth of July / 100th Anniversary Celebration

The Community Association is working hard to make the 4th of July a.k.a. 100th Anniversary Celebration a great success. Thanks to Lynn Eisentrout, the Chairperson, and a lot of wonderful volunteers, this will be a great day, so don't miss it.

MinervaFlora

MinervaFlora has done a wonderful job keeping Minerva Park beautiful thanks to Mary Yost and all of her helpers. The rain has made the flowers and all foliage beautiful; it has also made the weeds plentiful. MinervaFlora is always in need of your help, especially now that entire beds need to be relocated because of all of the on-going construction. If you can help in any way, please contact Mary Yost at 882-5444.

Garage Sale Report

Thanks to all residents who participated in our annual garage sale. Money collected from the garage sale totals $1,436.30. Anyone who has not paid their garage sale proceeds, please mail to Minerva Park Civic Association (MPCA), P.O. 29070, Columbus, Ohio 43229.

VILLAGER

Greg Roebel and Chris Cameron will have completed their tenure as co-editors of the VILLAGER after completing 2 more issue!! Consequently, we are looking for a new editor(s). If anyone would be interested, please call Rolla Wagner, MPCA President, at 895-2236.

July Calendar

04 Independence Day
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.

Public Hearing

On Monday, July 10, 1995, at 7:00 p.m., the Council of the Village of Minerva Park will hold a public hearing on its 1996 Budget. The hearing will be held at the Community Building, 2829 Minerva Lake Road.

Mayor's Corner

Contributed by Jack Murray

A brief report on the status of the St. Ann's Hospital merger with Doctors and Mt. Carmel—to a meeting on June 7, 1995, the President of St. Ann's confirmed that the agreements are all but complete. He assured us that there will be very little impact on the financial arrangements with the Westerville, Minerva Park and Blendon Joint Township District. I should be able to report the merger details within the next few months.

We have had some inconvenience with access at the Cleveland Avenue-Maplewood/Lakewood entrance. This situation may ease a little, but will continue to some degree throughout the summer. Progress seems to have a price!

Our Phase II waterline replacement is progressing without many major problems. Early July still looks like a good completion date.

The petition of our neighbors on the eastern end of Minerva Lake Road to annex to the Village has been filed with the County Commissioners. The Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the matter on July 5, 1995, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, 26th Floor, Franklin County Courthouse.
Village Council Meeting (May 8, 1995)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Murray. There were not enough members present to conduct business.

Mayor's Court Clerk Joann Melsop gave a brief presentation about a special fund to collect ticket money toward a computer for the Mayor's Court. An amount of $5.00 per ticket was suggested. A resolution will be presented at the next Council meeting for action.

Council will need a special meeting to take care of all agenda items. It was decided to hold the meeting on Monday, May 15, 1995. Residents wanting variances were advised.

Narcus Tsiliacos briefly discussed the B & D Hauling lawsuit and advised that he will need direction from Council on which way to proceed at the next meeting. So far, 398 green bins have been collected by the Village.

Waterline Replacement - Phase II will begin this week on the south side of the Village.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Special Council Meeting (May 15, 1995)

General Topics

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Mayor Murray. The minutes of the April 10, 1995 regular meeting need to be amended to show under Community Reports that a census to be done by the Village will happen mid-summer. The minutes of the April 26, 1995, special meeting were accepted as written.

Mayor's Report to Council - The application to expand the Community Building will be re-submitted with a set of plans and a cost estimate. The replacement of the waterlines, Phase II, began this week. Rumpke Hauling has delivered red recycling bins to all of the homes in the Park and the Village picked up 419 green bins to be returned to B & D Hauling. We have a resolution to set up a computer fund to start collecting $5 per ticket towards the purchase and maintenance of a computer for Mayor's Court. The State of Ohio is considering an extension of Issue 2 money, along with a share for ODOT. Both issues will have to be approved by Ohio voters.

Rolla Wagner, President of the Minerva Park Community Association, advised that the Annual Garage Sale will occur on Saturday, May 20, 1995. Plans for the 4th of July Parade and 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Minerva Park Amusement Park are underway. The Lake Clean-Up Day was a success with about 40 people helping out. There is concern about who uses the Lakes and what they do while they're there. Lynn Eisentrount was appointed by the Mayor to start a committee to draft regulations on the use of the Lakes.

Village Officials

Narcus Tsiliacos, Village Law Director, briefly summarized the legal issue facing the City of Bexley regarding that city's zoning for a McDonald's. A recent court decision overruled the city's decision. It is a question of municipal rule vs. court rule. The City of Bexley has asked for other municipal's help by filing a brief with the court. It was decided that Narcus should contact Bexley's Law Director. If Bexley will do the preparation of the brief, without any cost to the Village, Council will consider approving the filing of the brief.

A pre-trial with B & D Hauling has been set for May 26, 1995. The Village has collected 419 bins to help settle the suit. Jon Self made a motion that Council gives permission to our Law Director to negotiate with B & D Hauling to dismiss their action, if we permit them to pick up their approximate 419 bins, and in return, we dismiss without prejudice our countersuit, seconded by Dave Stahr. All approved.

Lee Rupp, Village Engineer, advised Council that the annexation of the five homes on the east end of Minerva Lake Road will be heard on July 7, 1995 by the Franklin County Commissioners. Mayor Murray and Lee have discussed the condition of the Community Building parking lot. The old plan was to go down to bare dirt, lay a new parking lot with cement pad in front of the EMS for a cost of $18,000. Council now has two options. One option is to overlay what is now there, at a cost of $3,800. Another option is to dig out the asphalt to the gravel, regrade, and top with 3" of asphalt for a cost of $6,800 or 4" of asphalt for a cost of $7,800. He will get a formal proposal and present it to Council for approval. Lee recently attended the pre-construction meeting for the work on Cleveland Avenue. All of the utilities must be moved first. Right now, they are moving the gas line on the west side of the street.

Planning and Zoning Commission

Council considered two fence variances, one at 2601 Wildwood Road and the other at 5174 Lakeland Court. Lynn Eisentrount made a motion to approve a fence variance for 2601 Wildwood Road, with it to be completed within 45 days, seconded by Jon Self. All approved. Council reviewed the fence on 5174 Lakeland Court. Pam Park-Curry made a motion to approve a fence variance for 5174 Lakeland Court, not to exceed four (4) feet, seconded by Jon Self. All approved.
Committee Reports

Community - None.

Streets - Jon Self advised that he and Lee Rupp will be looking at trouble spots on the streets. The storm sewer drains that are too deep will need to be fixed. There are about 10 of them. Wildwood, Woodley, Westbridge, and Elmhurst will be up for slurry seal this year.

Service - Dave Stahr is securing bids for 1995 leaf pick up. Hopefully, Council will be able to make a decision by June. The cost of fixing the old leaf machine is too expensive, over $3000. The work being done by Otterbein on the Lakes will be done by the end of the month and we should have the written report by June.

Finance - Lynn Eisentrout made a motion that the bills be approved for payment, seconded by Jon Self. All approved. Council was advised that work on the 1996 budget will begin in mid-June. If you have any special considerations, please submit them to the Finance Committee. A public hearing will be held on the 1996 budget on July 10, 1995, at 7 p.m. The cost to prepare a set of plans for the expansion of the Community Building will be about $2000. Pam Park-Curry made a motion to approve $2000 for the proposed cost of the plans and to pay for the expense out of the Building Expansion Fund, seconded by Jon Self. All approved.

Safety - None.

Legislation - Pam Park-Curry moved for acceptance of the first reading of Ordinance 3-95, an ordinance to establish the Mayor's Court Computerization Fund, seconded by Lynn Eisentrout. All approved.

Pam Park-Curry made a motion to accept the first reading of Resolution 95-7, a resolution declaring it necessary to levy a replacement tax in excess of the ten mill limitation, seconded by Jon Self. All approved.

Jon Self made a motion to accept the second reading of Resolution 95-8, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk Treasurer of the Village of Minerva Park, to enter into a contract for the collection and removal of rubbish, trash, recyclables, and garbage from the residences of the Village of Minerva Park, seconded by Pam Park-Curry. All approved.

Jon Self made a motion to approve Resolution 95-9, a resolution to authorize the Clerk Treasurer to pay $7.50 per hour (in excess of current work schedule of 40 hours per month) to the Court Clerk and to declare an emergency, seconded by Lynn Eisentrout. Approved.

The Clerk Treasurer advised Council that our liability coverage has had a change. The deductible for errors and omissions of public officials has been raised from $2500 to $5000. There is a 60-day notice period with our liability coverage with the Ohio Municipal League. We will remain with the Ohio Municipal League coverage for this year, but will begin securing other bids for this insurance in January, 1996.

Pool News

Written and Submitted by Minerva Pool Board Members

The pool season is well underway. We are looking forward to lots of events in July. An "old-fashioned 4th" should be lots of fun and very affordable at the pool. The first 100 guests will get in free and food will be sold at "old-fashioned" prices. There will be games and activities for all ages!

We have planned a family pizza party and evening swim for Friday, July 21st from 8 to 11 p.m. We will be ordering pizzas and selling them by the slice. The concession stand will be open for drinks and other food items. Bring the family — it is always fun to swim at night.

A children's party is scheduled for July 12th from 7 to 9 p.m. for children 11 years and under. The guards have games and races planned for their entertainment. The cost is $1 per child, which covers special treats or favors. There will be an ice cream social on July 16th from 6 to 8 p.m. to help cool you off from the July heat.

An ultimate Sip-n-Dip and wine tasting party is scheduled for July 22nd from 8 to 11 p.m. The cost is $15/couple or $8/person, and all must be 21 or older. Tickets are available at the pool. Wine, draft beer, snacks, submarine sandwiches, soft drinks, games, prizes, and entertainment by a disc jockey are included in the ticket price. Mark your calendars and bring your friends for a unique and fun-filled evening while supporting our pool. This event is open to everyone.

Please keep August 12th free for our Annual Corn Roast!!! This year we will be including a silent auction for your enjoyment.

Our pool is available for private parties. You may call the pool office for details (882-7611). Also, the pool is open to the public and guest passes are $3/person. If you have friends or family visiting and they are interested in swimming, they may buy the guest passes at the office. You do not need to be sponsored by a pool member. Our pool is a great way to entertain on a hot summer day. See you at the pool!

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Mark Smith Manager
Minerva Park
Squad Report

In May, Squad 119 made 240 runs; 44 runs into Blendon Township (exclusive of Minerva Park) and 9 into Minerva Park. 80 patients were transported to local hospitals. Members volunteered a total of 1488 hours for the month, raising the year-to-date total to 7578. The leading volunteers for the month were John Owens (128 hours), Renee Wood (119), and Barry Brownstein (96). John Owens leads for the year-to-date with 606 hours.

June's meeting at the Minerva Park Pool covered water rescue and was conducted by Lt. Phil Burden of the Westerville Fire Department.

Studies indicate that the single most important determinant in survival from cardiac emergencies is rapid defibrillation (electric shock that can cause the heart to return to a normal rhythm). New state rules permit our squad to carry an automatic defibrillator, which is significant because our response time within Minerva Park (and in portions of Blendon Township) often puts us on the scene up to several minutes before a responding paramedic unit (which carries a manual defibrillator).

The Department is applying for a grant that will pay 50% of the approximately $5000 cost of the unit. We are attempting to raise funds for the balance (as well as the cost of a 26 hour training course). A direct mail appeal for donations should have been received by press time. Donations are sincerely appreciated and may be mailed to the Minerva Park Firefighter’s Association, Box 1308, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

Minerva Park Runs
05/01 Park Lane Ct. Possible heart attack
05/05 Cleveland Ave. Ill person
05/05 Wildwood Rd. Difficulty breathing
05/07 Minerva Lake Rd. Auto accident
05/10 Cleveland Ave. Obstetrical emergency
05/11 Alder Vista Dr. Ill person
05/14 Jordan Rd. Conscious diabetic
05/23 Farview Rd. Injured child
05/26 Cleveland Ave. Possible stroke
Flora Says — The weeds are growing well, but fortunately so is all the rest of the plant material. I have never seen the annuals looking so good so early and the perennials and roses are huge. However, the poor peonies and rose blooms really got "beat up". If you had peony buds that turned black and didn't open, it was due to a fungus disease — cut them off and throw them away and in the Fall, cut off and destroy everything that is more than an inch or so above ground. I am currently spraying both roses and firethorn with a fungicide that helps protect against both black spot and mildew. The wet weather promotes the spread of both.

Shrubs and trees have been growing fast too, and Summer is not the time to prune them. Those like lilacs and forsythia have already set their buds for next year so pruning now will eliminate next Spring's bloom. Resist the urge to grab the hedge trimmers and attack the taxus. Shearing at any time destroys the natural shape of the plant, and at this time of the year, they get sunburned. Save pruning of evergreens until late Fall or Winter — they make great Christmas decorations. Now having said this, I will mention that there are exceptions, such as when you hit the plants every time you go down the drive or in the door. Where possible, eliminate branches to the ground and do the major shaping job in the Winter or replace the bush. If you feel the urge to work and you don't have enough weeds to pull, Minerva Flora would be glad to have your help. Also, if you have any iris this is the ideal time to divide them.

Construction notes. Prior to the demolition of the Maplewood pillar, attempts were made to save Minerva's head. First, there was an unsuccessful attempt to make a tracing. Next, aluminum foil was used in an attempt to make a mold which didn't turn out very well. Lynn Eisentrount, Pam Park-Curry, Alison McArthur, and Steve Laudon worked on these projects. Then, Jeanne Blair's son appeared with a cement saw; but that didn't work either. The next day the pillar was knocked down and Minerva landed face up, so ever hopeful Pam, aided by Rolla Wagner, used four bags of plaster of paris to make a mold. But the result was not good enough to use in pouring a replacement. The following day, the remains were gathered up and dumped in a pile near the old sewer plant. At some future date, the use of the stone will be determined. No plans for the Maplewood entrance will be made until it is finished next year. The contractor for building the culvert hasn't decided whether he will do that this Fall or next Spring and the Minerva Lake Road pillar is probably safe until next Spring.

Many residents on the East end of the South part of the park agree that the crew doing the water main replacement has been as efficient, tidy, and pleasant as possible — certainly better than the previous group. I just watched a man in a large vehicle re-arrange a huge rock that they had unearthed in Ruth Anderson's peony bed at the corner of Maplewood and Alder Vista. Last year's column this month described how beautiful the bed was; today it has one peony left. The others have migrated to a neighbor's yard where hopefully they will survive. We do tend to think of these easements as our land and we do have to take care of them, but it is a good idea to put valuable trees and shrubs back a ways. Those cute little trees and evergreens that we plant have roots that extend out beyond the drip line, and utility construction on one side can cause sufficient damage to kill a tree.

Speaking of easement plantings, I have been encouraging people to plant around the mailbox. Last Fall, I read a letter to "Dear Abby" from a mailman who asked people not to plant flowers that attract bees — he was allergic to bee stings. The worst offender I know is lamb's ear, but the problem can be solved by cutting off the blooms before they flower. Watch other flowers and select varieties and colors that do not appeal to bees.

There were a few places in the Park where I could see over the piles of dirt to see some pretty things. In late May, the Curry's (2559 Lakewood) had several red rhododendron blooming with a background of evergreen along the West border. Mid June, the Japanese tree lilac at 2974 Minerva Lake had many huge white blooms. At the time I was writing this, there were many kousa dogwoods in bloom. Noteworthy were those at 2732 Minerva Lake (Lambert's) and at 2806 Maplewood (Lude's). Heading down Park Lane Road, I saw a wonderful English country garden around the mailbox at 2839 (Savko's), which contained stella d'oro, gaillardia, astilbe, moonbeam coreopsis, pink and blue scabiosa, and variegated grasses. The folks at 2769 Minerva Lake are the proud owners of a huge big rock that formerly lived to the West of them. They dragged it over with a pick-up and their lawn is a little the worse for the wear, but it's a nice landscape stone.

The playground area also has a nice big stone that was dug up during the Maplewood water line project and the small kids will enjoy climbing over it. We will try to keep it mulched and keep the poison ivy from growing near by.

Dr. John Lude will be on the Parks and Recreation Open Yard Tour July 16th from 1 to 6. Mark this on your calendar, especially if you've never seen the back — its truly beautiful.
Minerva Lake Restoration Project
contributed by Councilman Dave Stahr

As a follow-up to the article which appeared in the April issue of the Villager, the Service Committee of Village Council would like to present a brief review of what has transpired since the last report. The Life Science Department of Otterbein College has completed the ecological assessment of Minerva Park Lakes and Kilbourne Run Creek.

The ecological assessment was performed to address two issues relative to Minerva Lakes and Kilbourne Run. The first objective of the study was to document the aquatic communities present in the Minerva Lake watershed and to determine what impact the dredging of these lakes would have on those communities. The second portion of the study was conducted to ascertain the dynamics of sediment transport in the system and to determine the quality of the water currently emptying into the Lakes.

It was discovered that there are thirteen (13) species present in the Lakes, which are common to Central Ohio. The diversity was poor due to the lack of habitat variability (not many places for fish to hide). The water quality was fairly good, except for high levels of nitrates and silt.

Erosion was very evident around the Lakes and within the watershed. If development continues to occur, steps should be taken to control this erosion. The study also revealed the following: "The dredging of the Lakes will not significantly reduce wildlife diversity. All species may remain during the dredging and should return to their current population, once the process is completed. When the Lakes have recovered from dredging, other fish or invertebrates may be introduced."

The report also recommends several ways in which sediment transport to the Lakes can be reduced and the effects of these sediments and other chemicals can be minimized. The report consists of sixty two (62) pages and is available for review at the Community Building. Many thanks to Dr. Hoggarth and his students for a job well done.

The Army Corp of Engineers has issued a response regarding their potential involvement in this project. Unfortunately, they acknowledge that problems do exist, however, they contend that "The Corp of Engineers has no authority to obligate Federal funding in the repair or restoration of a privately owned lake".

Ironically, the Village must still obtain approval from the Corp by securing 401 Certification by the EPA. The submission of the aforementioned ecological report will fulfill part of the 401 Certification.

The Council and Mayor Murray will continue to solicit Federal and State funding, however, project grants will undoubtedly become even more difficult to obtain. In view of this fact, the Service Committee has requested Council approval to solicit excavation bids and review the possibility of funding through commercial means.

Various avenues of funding will be investigated, however, no debt will be incurred without voter approval. We will continue to keep you advised as more information becomes available. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dave Stahr or any other member of the Council.

Neighborly Notes
Kindergarten Meet and Play
Attention all parents of children entering Kindergarten this Fall. Bring the whole family and come to MPCA's 1st Annual Kindergarten Meet and Play. Just stop by the playground at the East end of Alder Vista Drive on Tuesday, August 8th anytime from 6:30 until dark. The children can meet new friends, maybe even some of their future classmates. Rain Date is Wednesday, August 9th. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Fry at 890-6845.

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George Stewart

George Stewart and wife Jo Lynne have lived at 311 Minerva Lake Rd. for 30 years, for 32 years, he and Pat Dennis of Maplewood Drive were in the real estate business together. Both are now retired from reality, not reality. The Bible says: "A prophet is not without honor, save in his own home." This adage can apply to many of our park residents but particularly to George Stewart. As a boy, George's dad took him to see Thurston, world famous Ohio magician. He never got over the experience and the study of magic became an obsession with him. For 41 years, he has been staging magic shows all over the continent and in a few instances, beyond. He knows and is well known by all the great magicians world-wide. In 1959 at the World Congress of Magicians in Chicago, he was awarded a trophy for "Best Escape." He has invented several tricks that fellow artists were unable to fathom. George is a religious man. He was at one time Presbyterian Lay Minister at Bladensburg and Millwood, Ohio. He uses magic to emphasize biblical teachings. He has a basement full of equipment and owns 26 trojdos. He says he has 12 different shows and fits them to the occasion. He specializes in parties and weddings and is very much in demand. We'll be fortunate to see him perform at our 4th celebration at the pool. Shame on me if I miss it!
05/05 Theft/Criminal Damage, person(s) unknown entered a vehicle in the 2700 block of Wildwood Road and removed several CD's and a CD case. Some scratches were also found on the vehicle.

05/08 Recovered Stolen Vehicle, while on routine foot patrol in the area of the abandoned railroad tracks south of Minerva Lake Road, a vehicle stolen from Grove City was recovered and returned to the owner.

05/12 Open Door, while on routine patrol, a door at the rear of President's Tuxedo on Cleveland Avenue was found standing open. Business was checked, found OK, and the door was secured.

05/16 Passing Bad Checks, a known subject purchased merchandise at the Minerva Park Furniture Gallery on Cleveland Avenue with a check from a closed account.

05/17 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to the 2600 block of Maplewood Drive on a burglary in progress. False Alarm.

05/25 Assault, a resident of the 5300 block of Parklane Drive was grabbed by the neck and pushed to the ground.

05/26 Criminal Trespassing, a known subject entered Hawthorne Elementary School on Farview Road searching for their ex-girlfriend's children. Threats were made earlier toward the children, the ex-girlfriend and other family members.

05/31 Robbery in Progress, dispatched to Gordon Food Service on Cleveland Avenue for a robbery in progress. False Alarm.

05/31 Burglary in Progress, dispatched to the 2800 block of Lakewood Drive on a burglary in progress. False Alarm.

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