

# Sandscribes

Heidelberg Beach  
Vermilion, Ohio

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005



## Spring is Here!

Make note of these important dates and times (some changes/corrections have been made from the last issue of the Sandscribes):

- **Vermilion Township's "Free" Dump Days** are *Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> (7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.)* and *Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> (7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.)*.
- **Spring Work Day** at Heidelberg Beach is scheduled for *Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005*. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at **9:30 A.M.**, and work begins at **10:00 A.M.**
- The next **Board Meeting** is *Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M.* at the Henderson cottage.

Jane & John

## 2005 Bug Spraying—Pest Patrol

We have 12 cottages that have renewed their commitments to Pest Patrol. This gives us a rate of \$90/season. If Rich attains 18 cottages again (same as last year), he'll give us the next price break (usually for 20 cottages) of \$85/season. There is **ONE MORE WEEK** to renew or add your name to this list. Rich will begin treatments the week of **April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005**.

You can contact Richard Romell by either calling him at **1-866-847-4112** or emailing [romellhome@wowway.com](mailto:romellhome@wowway.com).

## Spring Cleaning in Vermilion Township

The disposal site will be open from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on **Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**, and from 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**.

To get to the disposal site, take Route 6 east to Barnes Road. Right on Barnes. Go over the railroad tracks and over Route 2. Left on Stanley Road, and look for the big white barn.

Large refuse accepted. Specifically prohibited are oil, construction materials, and yard waste. And appliances WILL be accepted!

For further questions, call the Vermilion Township Clerk's Office at 1-440-967-3251.

## Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach Board of Trustees Meeting April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**Present:** Craig Peer (presiding), Mary Chidester, Harvey Foote, Sheila Henderson, Rick Herwerden, John Macko, and Barclay Rohrbaugh.

**Absent:** Dick Beck, Carol Dunkle, Linda Glaviano, Bill Hertzler, and Char Schuman.

## Minutes of previous Meeting (6 November 2004):

There were no corrections to the minutes and they were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Since Char Schuman had a commitment teaching, there was not Treasurer's Report. Craig Peer had received a bill for insurance; John Macko volunteered to deliver it to Char. (Note: the bill was delivered that afternoon.)

## Old Business:

**Variance for Lots 99 and 100 Ohio:** Craig reported on the request for an easement on the Richardson property to install a gas line. The plans have been dropped and the easement is no longer needed. No further action from the Board is required on this item.

**Progress on Lots 39 and 40 West Virginia:** Before the meeting, Craig telephoned the Erie County Health Department to check on the status of the Margards' case to build a new cottage at Heidelberg Beach. There has been no activity on the case since 23 September 2003.

ODNR update: Rick Herwerden and Harvey Foote gave reports on H.B. 218 and related matters. The following were the main points:

- H.B. 218 has died. There is some discussion among Ohio representatives to create a new bill, but there is no definite news on that front yet.
- The ODNR is moving ahead with levying leases on structures that fall within their claim to the high water mark. Many people, communities, and corporations are being blindsided with fees.
- The class action lawsuits have been moved to Federal court.
- The ODNR is engaged in “stalling” tactics for all legislation designed to provide relief to lakefront property owners. Their intent is to “bleed” the OLG (Ohio Lakefront Group) out of money, since the ODNR has very deep pockets thanks to our taxes.
- The situation seems dire. Similar “reclaiming” initiatives are escalating internationally; it seems that anyone, anywhere who owns lakefront or oceanfront property can expect to lose their rights to it before too long. It is probably just a matter of time before Heidelberg Beach is hit with fees.
- It was stressed that we need to get more Heidelberg Beach residents involved. A couple of ideas in this area involved signing up all residents to receive the OLG newsletter, or contacting the OLG for permission to copy their newsletter and mail it as part of the Sandscribes.
- Due to personal commitments, Rick would like to step down as chair of this committee. Craig suggested that Carol Dunkle would make a good replacement and will approach her.
- The OLG continues to ask for funds to enable it to continue the fight.

Rick (Barclay Rohrbaugh) moved to make a donation to the OLG the same size as last year. The motion passed unanimously.

Building Rules and Regulations: As discussed at the last meeting, Will Ossman submitted some suggestions for changes and improvements to the Heidelberg Beach Building Rules and Regulations. Craig asked that all Board members study the documents and bring suggestions for improvements and changes to the next meeting.

#### New Business:

Spring Cleanup Day: Scheduled for Saturday, May 14th, 2005. There was some confusion regarding startup times: the official skinny is that coffee and doughnuts will be served beginning at 9:30 A.M. in the Pavilion, with work beginning at 10:00 A.M.

Lot #91: Susan and Dale Kreke informed the Board that Lot #91 (the easternmost Promenade lot) is for sale. After a brief discussion, Barclay (Mary Chidester) moved that the Association officially express no interest in purchasing the lot. The motion passed unanimously.

Lot #34. Currently, Will Pretzer is listed as the sole leaseholder for Lot #91, while all of the other Pretzer lots are listed in both Betty and Will’s names. As an estate planning matter, they requested transfer of the leasehold interest from Will to both Betty and Will. The Real Estate Trustee, Mary, prepared a document for the transfer and answered questions concerning it. Barclay (John) moved to approve the transfer and have the President sign the document. The motion passed unanimously, and Craig signed.

Dumpsters. Two pending items from previous meetings concerned the dumpsters. First, early last year, the Board approved new signs to be installed on or near the dumpsters indicating those items allowed and disallowed for disposal. Specifically, the signs were to indicate that no construction waste was allowed.

Second, the change to semiweekly (twice a week) pickups during the busy summer months seemed to work well last year and Board members received several “thank yous” from residents. The Board wanted to put this practice into place every summer.

Both of these items required input from Char, who, as was already mentioned, could not be present at this meeting due to a teaching commitment. John

volunteered to meet privately with Char about the two items.

(Addendum: John met with Char later that afternoon. Unfortunately, the supplier that Char customarily used for signs no longer offers the service. John and Char are investigating other alternatives. For the more frequent pickups, Char can initiate and cancel them at any time, with just a telephone call. Based on the Board's direction, at a minimum the semiweekly pickups will occur July 1st through September 30th. Depending on the weather--warmer weather brings more people to the Beach--and usage, which Char will monitor, June may be added as well.)

Nominating Committee. This year, four Board members' terms will expire: Bill Hertzler, Sheila Henderson, John Macko, and Barclay Rohrbaugh. Barclay has served two consecutive terms and is ineligible for re-election; the other three are all eligible. Craig appointed Barclay as head of the Nominating Committee, and Harvey and Mary volunteered to be on the Committee as well. The Committee is charged with contacting the three members whose term is expiring to see if they have any interest in running again, and then filling out the remaining slate. The Board requested a minimum of six nominees for the four open positions.

Pavilion Services. As a representative of the Council on Christian Work and Worship, Barclay reported that ministers have been retained for all scheduled Pavilion Services this coming summer.

Real Estate and Erie County Board of Health. John and Craig spent some time informing the Board members of recent happenings regarding new construction at Heidelberg Beach. Basically, Ann Rule, chairperson of the Erie County Board of Health, has officially informed us that because of septic tank considerations, no new construction will be approved anywhere in Erie County where no sewers exist. In this ruling, "new construction" is defined as either erecting a structure where none exists, or expanding the footprint of an existing structure, including attaching a garage. Remodeling is permitted as long as the footprint is not expanded. This ruling effectively puts an end to the building of

new cottages, or the enlarging of existing cottages, at Heidelberg Beach until sewers come in.

*At this point in the meeting, we lost our quorum due to a Board member needing to leave for an important commitment. Without voting rights, the meeting continued in "discussion only" mode.*

Craig opened the floor for new agenda items.

Grub treatment. John relayed that a mole infestation was becoming a concern, particularly on the Promenade. Other Board members cited other problem areas, such as the "Ball Field" (area north of the tennis courts), and portions of the paths. The customary treatment to get rid of moles is to treat for grubs (the moles' food supply). Once the grubs are gone, the moles move out. John volunteered to obtain price quotes and bring them to the next meeting.

Storage on Community Property. John relayed residents' concerns regarding the storing of personal items on Heidelberg Beach community property. Several Board members magnanimously agreed to help clean up some of the larger areas, and much progress has already been made. Certainly, all residents are encouraged to only store personal items on their own property, recognizing that some exceptions must occasionally occur in the interest of the Beach. Since a quorum was absent, further discussion and action was pended until the next meeting.

Next Meeting and Adjournment: The next Board meeting was scheduled for the afternoon of Work Day, Saturday, May 14th, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. at the Henderson cottage, 62 Kentucky.

Respectfully submitted,  
*John Macko*  
(substituting for Linda Glaviano, Secretary)