

Sandscribes

Heidelberg Beach
Vermilion, Ohio

September 12, 2005



Another Busy Summer Season Has Ended!

This issue of the Sandscribes covers a lot of ground—please read carefully.

- First, you should have noticed the brightly colored insert from the Council of Christian Work and Worship. In addition to the collection of money, several touching stories were shared at the September 4th Pavilion service of the kindness of our neighbors who have offered their homes and time to help out the Hurricane victims.
- We also share the minutes from the Annual Meeting and the summertime Board of Trustee's meetings.
- **Fall Cleanup** day will be **Saturday, November 5th**. Donuts will be served at 9:30 am and work will begin at 10:00 am.
- The next **Board of Trustees Meeting** will be held on **Saturday, November 5th** at 1:00 pm at the Pavilion.

Jane & John

Please Write Letters to Save the Beach

The Ohio Lakefront Group is working on two issues of interest to Heidelberg Beach, and you can help by writing letters.

Details of all the current issues are available on the Web:

<http://www.ohiolakefrontgroup.com/currentnews.html>

Currently, a letter campaign is in progress to encourage Attorney General Jim Petro (who is also a candidate for Governor) to let the ODNR lawsuit go forward in State Court rather than Federal Court, which many believe has no jurisdiction on private property issues.

Sample letters are available here:

<http://www.ohiolakefrontgroup.com/documents/Petroletters.doc>

You can write to Jim Petro at:

James Petro, Attorney General
State Office Tower
30 E. Broad Street , 17th Floor
Columbus , OH 43215-3428

Or e-mail him at jpetro@ag.state.oh.us

Another request is to write to your state representatives and ask them to vote for H.B. 206 and S.B. 127, which rescinds the recent legislation stating that lakeshore land, up to the "high water line," belongs to the state of Ohio.

For further details or hard-copies of any of these documents, please contact Carol Dunkle, Chair of the Coastal Legislation Committee.

Henderson Family News

With sadness we announce the passing of Dick Henderson's mother, Eleanor Henderson Herrick, on July 3rd, 2005. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family, and we all offer our condolences.

On a brighter note, Jennifer (daughter of Sheila and Dick Henderson) and her husband Philip welcomed Jacob Hubert Sabes on July 28th, 2005. He was 8 lbs., 7 oz. And 20" long, but has sprouted considerably since then! Check in with Sheila and Dick for the latest stats!

Photo of 75th Pavilion Season Anniversary

A photo was taken at the first Pavilion service this season to commemorate the anniversary celebration. This photo, along with a photo of the very first Pavilion service in 1930, is available for download off the Internet. Go to

<http://www.TulipTreePress.com/hbfamily.htm>.

Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach Annual Meeting July 16, 2005

Opening Prayer: President Craig Peer called the Annual Meeting 2005 to order at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Paul Rohrbaugh opened the meeting with prayer. Following the opening prayer, Peer introduced the current Board members.

Membership Roll Call and Distribution of

Ballots: Secretary Linda Glaviano called the roll of leaseholders by lot numbers. Ballots for the election of Board of Trustee members for 2005-2008 were distributed with one ballot handed out per lot. Association members representing 41 lots were present and proxies were turned in for an additional 26 lots. 67 lots were represented.

Minutes: A motion was approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes for the July 17, 2004 Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Charlene Schuman, distributed printed financial statements for the last twelve months ending June 30, 2005. Ray Schuman reviewed and explained the material. There were no questions. Ray was thanked for his work with a round of applause.

Report of Nominating Committee:

Barclay Rohrbaugh presented nominees for the Board of Trustees for the 2005-2008. They were Dick Castele, Bill Chidester, Sheila Henderson and Bill Hertzner. Peer asked if there were nominations from the floor. Bill Hertzner nominated Pam Seymour and Jack Kramer. Both candidates accepted and nominations were closed.

Barclay Rohrbaugh, Bill Richardson and Rick Herwerden were appointed as tellers. Dick Castele, Bill Chidester, Sheila Henderson and Bill Hertzner were subsequently elected.

Committee Reports were presented:

Christian Work and Worship: Barb Tereshko presented the report. She stated that the purpose of the council is to plan summer worship services and receive and manage all religious and memorial funds. During the summer of 2004, 729 people worshipped together. The 2004 offerings totaled \$2133.75. A tithe of \$200.00 was sent an

organization called Backyard Gleaners Inc. Backyard Gleaners is a small nonprofit that harvests, bags and distributes fresh, after-market produce to nearby food banks and pantries.

Another purpose of the Council is to strengthen family life and promote a Christian community. She reported that members and guests continue to enjoy the fellowship time following each church service. During the Christmas in July service, 98 non-perishable items were collected given to the Harvest for Hunger Food Bank in Vermilion

She also noted that the summer of 2004 marked the year of the bells. The Rohrbaughs were thanked for conceiving the idea as were the many volunteers who helped make the idea a reality.

Special events: Margaret Schuman reported that this committee was again providing refreshments for the fellowship time following each service. She thanked committee members Charlene Schuman, Harriet Ossman and Linda Glaviano for their work. The committee welcomes ideas and suggestions for special events.

Utilities: Harvey Foote reported that septic tanks will be cleaned in spring 2006. They are presently cleaned every three years. However, the time period may possibly be changed to every two years.

ODNR Report: Harvey Foote reported that the state government and lobbyists are trying to wear down the Lake Front Group. It is best for our community to maintain a low profile.

Safety and Recreation: Joe Teresko thanked Harvey Bratton for setting up and taking care of the playground equipment.

Pavilion: Peer thanked members for cleaning the pavilion before summer church services and Dick Beck for cleaning the area for the Annual Meeting.

Real Estate and Insurance: Peer reported that the insurance policy for the Beach has been renewed with the current provider. The renewed policy includes insurance for all outside structures.

Mary Chidester, Real Estate Agent, reported that three transfers had occurred since the July 2004 Annual Meeting. They included two transfers for estate planning purposes between husband and wife. The third transfer was that of lot 91. The lot was

transferred from Dale and Susan Kreke to Dick Castele and Carolyn Leitch. Chidester reminded members that any transfer of property should be made through the Real Estate and Insurance Committee.

Zoning and Building: Peer reported that the Board continues to work with the rewording and changing of the Building Rules and Regulations. This is being done in order to have rules that are both enforceable and flexible.

Trees: Jane Chidester reported that Baxter Tree Service had been selected to continue the tree work for the Beach. She reported that Ohio Edison will be trimming trees away from high power lines. Baxter will be here to supervise the work. Jane was thanked for her hard work with a round of applause.

Grounds and Creek: Bill Hertzler thanked Joyce and Harvey Foote for their hard work in maintaining Beach grounds. Hertzler gave further thanks to volunteers who continue to help out with the flowers and other Beach projects. He added that snow removal concerns will be addressed during the November's Board meeting when the budget is discussed.

Beach and Bank: Tom Lukens thanked everyone who had helped clean the beach during spring workday. The committee plans to continue keeping the banks in shape by trimming the top down.

Recycling: Pam Seymour reported that things were proceeding as usual. She requested that cans be crushed.

Peer emphasized that no construction materials, appliances, etc are to be put in the dumpsters. All trash must be bagged.

Publicity Committee: John Macko reported that the committee maintains the Heidelberg Beach website and distributes the Sandscribes letter. Any suggestions for improvements for both are welcomed.

John encouraged Beach members to contact the committee with news items (such as births, weddings and accomplishments) that add to the community.

He asked that members inform the committee of any address changes. Members may also request to

be added to the electronic distribution list to receive notification when anything new has been added to the website.

Bug Spraying: Macko updated members concerning treatment of cottages for bugs. He reported that Pest Patrol agreed to extend the lower rates through this season even though the Beach didn't meet the minimum number of 15 cottages. They also continue to treat common areas for free. It is doubtful that Pest Patrol will do this again unless the minimum number of cottages is achieved.

Lawn Care: Macko stated that an experiment is being tried this year regarding lawn care. Ohio Lawns, LLC has been hired to treat the front promenade and ball field due to their stance of environmental correctness. The firm stays away from liquid fertilizer and emphasizes patience to do the job the right way rather than just dumping chemicals on the lawn. A weed and feed was done early in the summer, with another scheduled for the fall.

In August, a mole treatment will be done on a Monday. There will be an announcement on the website in advance. Pets should be kept away from the area for a day or two.

Tennis Club: Jim Schneider presented the committee report. There is a balance of \$2,585.95 in the Treasury. Dues for 2005 will be \$25.00 and are due by August 15, 2005.

Boat Club: It was reported that the boathouse will be painted in the near future.

Old and New Business:

Herb Foote requested that members and their guests slow down and observe the speed limit. Harry Bratton reported on events occurring in the area. Peer thanked the Nominating Committee.

There was no further old or new business. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Glaviano
Secretary

**Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 16, 2005**

Present: Craig Peer (presiding), Dick Castele, Bill Chidester, Mary Chidester, Harvey Foote, Linda Glaviano, Rick Herwerden, Bill Hertzler, Jack Kramer and Charlene Schuman.

Absent: Sheila Henderson and Carol Dunkle

Election of Officers: Barclay Rohrbaugh opened the nominations for president. Foote (Herwerden) nominated Craig Peer. Peer was elected unanimously.

Other officers elected were Bill Hertzler, vice president; Linda Glaviano, secretary, Charlene Schuman treasurer and Mary Chidester, real estate agent.

Old Business:

Peer presented a letter from Dick Beck requesting that someone else be appointed to complete his term. The resignation was accepted and Peer appointed Jack Kramer to complete the remaining year of Beck's term.

Rohrbaugh and Beck were both thanked for the time they had given. Before leaving, Beck suggested that it might be a good idea to roll the promenade area. He will explore the idea further and will get back to the Board. Rohrbaugh will continue to work with John Macko to get bids for repaving Beach roads. The bids will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Paving of Roads: Peer asked Board members to look at the two paving alternatives, chip and seal and blacktop, before the next meeting. He requested that members try to know the differences between the two types of paving. It was suggested that after the bids are available that the Beach website be used to solicit input from community members.

Annual Audit: Hertzler reported that the books for the past financial year will be audited.

Fireproof Chests: The secretary requested approval to purchase a fireproof chest for the files and minutes dating back to the 1920's. Schuman (M. Chidester) motioned that the secretary be authorized to do so. The motion was passed unanimously.

Next Meeting and Adjournment: The next Board meeting was scheduled for August 20 at 10:00 am in the pavilion area.

Respectfully submitted
Linda Glaviano
Secretary

**Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 20, 2005**

Present: Craig Peer (presiding), Dick Castele, Bill Chidester, Mary Chidester, Carol Dunkle, Harvey Foote, Linda Glaviano, Sheila Henderson, Rick Herwerden, Bill Hertzler, Jack Kramer and Charlene Schuman.

Prayer: Craig Peer, president, opened the Board meeting at 10:00 am with prayer.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the last Board meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's report. Schuman mentioned that Browning Ferris' name has been changed to Allied Waste. There will be an increase in fees. However, the current rate so far remains the same for this summer.

Committee Reports:

Building and Zoning Committee: Will Ossman, the Chairman of the Building and Zoning Committee presented the proposed plans for the remodeling of 52 Kentucky by the Springers. The plans had been approved and signed by each of the 6 members of the committee. The proposed alterations are within the footprint of the cottage and meet all Building Rules and Regulations. Ossman read segments of a letter from the Erie County Board of Health giving the Springers general approval for the construction following an on-site review. Two restrictions were included in the letter. First, the Springers must make sure that the existing sewage area is cordoned off during construction to prevent damage to the system by heavy equipment. Secondly, if the present sewage area fails that some other means of a sanitary facility be furnished.

Following discussion, Hertzler (Castele) moved that the plans be approved with two conditions. All earth must be removed from Heidelberg Beach property

and any future septic needs are the responsibility of the property's leaseholders. The plans were approved with Peer and Kramer abstaining.

Will Ossman suggested that the Board consider defining the term "footprint" as it revises the Building Rules and Regulations. He also let the Board know that he would like to step down as the chair of the Building and Zoning Committee. However, he would like to remain on the committee as a member. Bill Hertzner was named as the new chair of the committee.

Orientation and Membership Committee: As a member of the Orientation and Membership Committee, Ossman proposed that an additional step be added to the orientation process for potential leaseholders. He suggested that prospective leaseholders be sent a packet of materials several weeks before the orientation interview. The packet would contain a copy of the Heidelberg's mission statement, a blank lease, the By-laws and the Rules and Regulations. The packet would also include a form that the parties would sign stating that they agreed to abide by all rules and regulations. It was decided to table this idea until later in the meeting.

Charlene Schuman was added to the Membership and Orientation Committee.

Real Estate Committee:

Mary Chidester, Real Estate Agent, reported that there were several leasehold transfers in process and that she would report to the Board when they were complete.

She next presented the documents to transfer Lot 33 from Ronald W. Pretzer and Sarah Grace Pretzer to Charlene Schuman. Mary motioned that this transfer be approved. The motion passed with Charlene Schuman abstaining.

Audit Committee: Hertzner presented a report from the Audit Committee certifying that on August 6, 2005 a limited audit of the Associations' financial records from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 had been completed. The Association's checking account was checked against bank statements and the Certificates of Deposit at the Lorain National Bank were verified. The audit was signed by William Hertzner and Willard Pretzer. The Audit Committee report was approved.

ODNR: Carol Dunkle reported that the Lake Front Group is asking for owners to write letters urging that the issue of State ownership of Beach properties be resolved. Suggested information to include in the letter along with addresses will be available on the Heidelberg website. It is strongly recommended that leaseholders send letters.

Old Business:

Addendum to Heidelberg Beach Building Rules: Herwerden (Schuman) motioned that this item be tabled until the next Board meeting. The motion was approved.

Repaving Roads: Guests during this portion the meeting were John Macko and Ray Schuman.

Peer asked Foote, as the Chair of the Utilities Committee, to present the committee report. Estimates from 3 paving firms for chip and seal and asphalt were presented. Foote stated that the committee recommended that the paving of roads be put off and that nothing be done at this time and made a motion to this effect. One reason for this recommendation was the heavy equipment that is or will be used for two construction projects. His recommendation was seconded by Hertzner.

It was decided that the Board should still consider the estimates that had been presented and then vote on the motion. Estimates included:

Precision Paving (This company only uses asphalt paving.)

- Asphalt: \$41,354
- Optional edge berms: \$4,278

Hart Asphalt:

- Chip and Seal only: \$17,500
- Hybrid Chip and Seal with leveling: \$32,460
- Asphalt: \$49,900

Erie Blacktop:

- Chip and Seal: \$14,852
- Asphalt: \$31,602
- Repair bad sections before paving: \$5,346

Pros and Cons concerning the advantages and disadvantages of each pavement type, time frame,

responsibility for damage during construction projects, required maintenance, future installation of sewers, aesthetics, snow removal and other issues were thoroughly discussed. There was a general consensus that the roads should be leveled and repaired before either paving type was used.

Peer again checked with the Finance Committee to make sure that the Board had the authority to make a decision about the paving. He was assured that the Board did have the authority to make the decision and that the previous paving job in 1993 had been based on the Board's decision.

Ray Schuman was asked to talk to members about the funds available for pavement of the roads. Schuman reported that there are some funds available from the general account. The road reserve fund contains \$17,480.93. An additional \$20,531.31 from another reserve fund that could be utilized. These funds would be paid back using as assessment over the next 10 to 15 years. When asked by Hertzler if he felt that the expense for asphalt was justified, Schuman responded yes.

Following Schuman's report, Hertzler removed his second from the motion Foote had made at the beginning of the meeting. With this motion no longer on the table, discussion continued. Foote was asked if the Road Committee would recommend that Erie's estimate for asphalt, he said that they would. Hertzler (Schuman) motioned that the roads be repaired and paved with asphalt this fall using Erie Blacktops' estimate for asphalt paving and repairs up to a total amount of \$37,948.00 per the recommendation of the Utilities Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Peer asked Foote to contact Erie Blacktop to get the project started.

New Business:

Dumpsters: Schuman reported that she and Macko are still working on finding companies to make permanent signs for the dumpster area.

Rental of cottages:

Ideas for making renters aware of Heidelberg's Rules and Regulations before renting were discussed. Suggestions included sending the rules to renters in advance, having the owner present when renters arrive and setting up a committee to

formalize procedures. It was decided to table this issue and continue the discussion at the next Board meeting.

Next Meeting and Adjournment:

Board meeting: The next Board meeting was scheduled for Saturday, September 3, at 10:00 am in the pavilion.

Fall Cleanup Day: Fall cleanup day was scheduled for Saturday, November 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Glaviano
Secretary

Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach Board of Trustees Meeting September 3rd, 2005

Present: Craig Peer (presiding), Dick Castele, Carol Dunkle, Harvey Foote, Linda Glaviano, Bill Hertzler and Jack Kramer.

Absent: Bill Chidester, Mary Chidester, Sheila Henderson, Rick Herwerden and Charlene Schuman.

Prayer: The meeting was opened with a prayer by Peer at 10:15 am

Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as adjusted.

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's report.

Real Estate: There was no Real Estate Report.

Old Business:

Addendum to Heidelberg Beach Building Rules: This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Repaving: Members discussed the feedback they had received about the decision to repave the roads. It was reiterated that the Board had been assured that by the Finance Committee that they had the authority to make the decision and that Fall was the best time to pave with asphalt.

Foote is still trying to contact Erie Blacktop to set a time for the project.

New Business:

Snow Removal Contract for 2005-06: The winter snow plowing contract was discussed. It was decided that Hertzler should solicit bids for both primary and backup contractors. The bids will be presented at the November budget meeting.

Beach and Bank: Bob Koester requested that members be reminded not to throw clippings and yard waste over the bank. Such items should be recycled instead behind the storage shed. He also asked the members contact him if they had any questions about the care of the bank area.

Review of Committee Assignments: Peer requested that members review committee assignments before the next Board meeting.

Next Meeting and Adjournment:

Fall Cleanup Day: Fall cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, November 5. Coffee and donuts will be available in the pavilion at 9:30 am and cleanup will start at 10:00 am.

Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Saturday, November 5, at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Linda Glaviano
Secretary