

Sandscribes

Heidelberg Beach
Vermilion, Ohio

August 27th, 2015



Summer Wrap-Up

We can't believe that we are a week away from Labor Day weekend. We hope that everyone has had some carefree time to enjoy our special place.

Please read this *Sandscribes* carefully—we are reporting on many important issues and want everyone to feel fully informed.

We have the Board minutes from the last two meetings, and the Annual Meeting minutes at the end of this issue. Several of the articles summarize the major happenings.

Jane & John

New Playground Equipment

Thank you to everyone for your enthusiasm, ideas, and suggestions—and of course donations to upgrade the playground equipment. The funds collected have enabled us to buy a set very similar to the one pictured below. This new set will be christened “Corinne’s Castle Too!” ☺ Thank you again!



Beach Containers

As Labor Day weekend approaches, it is time again to start removing your storage containers from the beach. Please store them up by your cottage by the first of October. Fall and winter storms can blow them apart and scatter contents. Thanks so much!

2015-2016 Board of Trustees & Officers

Thank you again to David Rohrbaugh for his recent service on the Board.

Welcome back to Dick Castele and Barbara Weber—and welcome to Mary Chidester and Claudia Springer. All of the officers from last year were re-elected to their current posts. See the chart below for the complete list of Board Members and their terms.

We have a challenging year ahead of us and appreciate your continued support and understanding as we work through the issues facing us. Your feedback is always welcome. We'll continue to keep you informed as we navigate the opportunity to improve Heidelberg Beach for generations to come. Thank you again for your trust and confidence.

Officers	Member	Current Term	Term (limit 2)
Pres.	Jane Chidester	2017	1
VP	Rick Herwerden	2016	2
Treas.	Dick Castele	2018	2
Sec.	Tom Eshelman	2016	1
Real Es.	Mary Chidester	2018	1
	Sharon Chidester	2016	1
	Bill Hertzner	2017	2
	Jan Peer	2016	1
	Bill Richardson	2017	2
	Claudia Springer	2018	1
	Barbara Weber	2018	2
	Scott Welch	2017	1

Infrastructure: Taking the First Step

Dear Community,

As you will read in the Board Minutes from July 25th, the Board created a special Task Force to begin investigating our options for dealing with our aging infrastructure. With the great expertise of Jeff Springer (a retired property developer), the Task Force interviewed 4 civil engineering firms.

At the August 22nd Board meeting, the Board accepted the Task Force's recommendation to hire OHM Advisors in Brecksville, Ohio to investigate our options.

Over the next few months OHM will work with Heidelberg Beach to assess our situation and develop a report for us that will outline our options, sources of funding, and costs. They will work on an hourly basis with a maximum cap of \$8,900. This cost will be covered from our reserved cash fund for Sewer Improvements (i.e. no new assessments).

Assuming we get a good plan and good funding, what would be next?

If we get a feasible plan from OHM and the Board approves moving forward, we'd then hire someone to do the actual construction plan and engineered drawings. The assumption is that we'll develop a good working relationship with OHM, but we can re-bid this next step in the process to another civil engineering firm if we want to.

We expect that full blueprint plans will cost us perhaps \$30,000 to \$50,000. We'll need to save some more money for that—we just aren't sure if grant funding would cover this yet. We'll be discussing this at our budget meeting on September 20th.

If we've moved to this step, the engineering firm we are working with will prepare the bids for the actual contractors to complete the project.

Evaluating the options presented to us, drawing the plans, bidding out to contractors, preparing to get ready for this—we expect all of this will take at least a year of planning—assuming there are no hitches along the way.

The Board will continue to keep you updated. Questions and feedback are always welcome—and

thank you for your support. This is very daunting, but also very exciting to be caring for Heidelberg Beach for the generations to come.

Jane Chidester,
President

Community Task List

Since we are at the 1st Anniversary of implementing this system, we are going to take a checkpoint with everyone regarding their tasks. In the next few weeks our Secretary Tom Eshelman will send out individual email messages (or call) to confirm you are still willing to do the task you volunteered for, and ask if you need to choose something else. After he gets all of the feedback, we'll re-advertise for volunteers for the open tasks.

Cottage and Family Histories

Just a reminder that Claudia Springer is our collection point for all things related to Heidelberg Beach history—cottage history, family history, and general history (formation of the Association, stories of events and people, etc.).

Check on the Web Site for a form to help you outline your thoughts. You can also just send any information to Claudia.Springer@gmail.com.

Bob ("Uncle Bob") Koester Passed Away

Robert Willis Koester died July 11 in Cape Coral, Florida, aged 86.

He was born in Brooklyn Heights, Ohio and graduated from Cuyahoga Heights High School in 1946. He earned the B.S. in Agriculture from Ohio State University in 1950. Following two years in the U. S. Army in Korea he earned the B.S. in Education, and so began his career as a high school teacher. He taught in Van Wert, Ohio from 1957 to 1960, and over his lifetime he remained close to colleagues and students from those years.

After additional education at the University of Hawaii, he taught from 1960 to 1984 at Gustine, California. There he found his stride as a teacher who was able both to interest his students in math and sciences and to introduce them to the world and opportunities that existed outside of the small agricultural town of Gustine. He did this by offering to take groups of students to museums in the Bay

Area, the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, and places of historical interest—and he did this on his own time. He took much pride in the accomplishments of his students, and in turn the school honored him as a master teacher.

Over the years he shared enthusiastically his interest in science, astronomy and gardening with many persons. He sailed boats of various sizes, built at least two, and was a competitive catamaran sailor.

His life and accomplishments in California were counterbalanced by his return each summer to Heidelberg Beach on Lake Erie, where he was surrounded by a large and loving extended family. Frequently students from Gustine were invited to help with the drive east.

In retirement he lived in Cape Coral, Florida, maintaining his summers in Ohio as long as was able to travel.

Two sisters are deceased, Mildred Kramer and Evelyn Kramer. He is survived by five nieces and nephews: Janet (Craig) Peer, Claudia (Jeffrey) Springer, Cheryl Kramer Hanson, Jack Kramer, and Gale Kramer; a sister-in-law Louise Kramer; 11 great nieces and great nephews; 25 great-great nieces and nephews; and a host of cousins and former students.

A Memorial Service will be held at Heidelberg Beach on Saturday, September 19th, at 11:00 AM at the Pavilion.

Cottage Winterizing Suggestions

Learning a few lessons from recent winters, just wanted to share a few suggestions as you are getting your cottages closed up for the season.

1. If you do not fully winterize your cottage and drain all of the pipes, please do shut off the main water feed whenever you leave during the colder months. If a problem occurs with the water pipes, damage is minimized.
2. If you leave your heat on during the winter, and want us to keep an eye out for furnace problems, please use a system where you install a temperature signal device on a lamp that you equip with a red light bulb. (Something similar to the Honeywell Winter Watchman pictured

below that can be found at Home Depot.) Put the lamp in a window visible from the road so the red glow will grab our attention. In truth, it is difficult to read thermometers in windows as we are driving by—plus they can't be read in the dark. ;-)



Seminar on Lake Erie Water Quality

Thank you to Ellen Ewing, the Laboratory Manager at the National Center for Water Quality Research (NCWQR) at Heidelberg University for presenting an informative slide presentation on the work that the NCWQR does. (As many of you know, our local celebrity Jack Kramer formerly held this post. The photo of them below captures a moment in the early days of the lab.)



The NCWQR has 18 testing stations around Ohio that covers 2/3 of our state's watershed. Their primary focus of research is on tributary loading, but they also test many private wells from 17

different states. They are not funded by the University, but sustain their work on federal and state grants, and other private funding sources.

Ellen explained the history of findings and actions taken. These all center on the agricultural use of phosphorous—which is the primary issue dictating Lake Erie’s water quality. There are other factors, but the amount of phosphorus is the major contributor.

In recent years, the problem has been exacerbated by our increasing heavy rainfall events. In the last decade, the number of rainfalls in Ohio that exceed 2” has doubled. In terms of water quality, rain = bad.

You can read all about the work that the NCWQR does at this Web Site:

<http://www.heidelberg.edu/academiclife/distinctive/nwqr>

You can also read more specifically about the algae blooms on Lake Erie here:

<http://lakeeriealgae.com/>

(Make sure to click on the link for “The Heidelberg Story.”)

Take a Book—Return a Book

The Heidelberg Beach Little Free Library book exchange was installed over the weekend of July 11 behind the Will Ossman cottage at 99 Ohio Road. The library joins the Little Free Library non-profit organization comprised of over 25,000 Little Free Libraries around the world. Founded in Wisconsin in 2005 by Todd Bol and Rick Brooks, its mission is "to promote literacy and the love of reading and to build a sense of community by sharing skills, creativity and wisdom across generations."

Heidelberg Beach residents and their guests are welcome to stop by to browse the collection, and to take or leave a book!

For further information feel free to contact Will Ossman or Linda or David Lackey or visit littlefreelibrary.org.

P.S. Folks who have large collections of books they would like to see put to good use are encouraged to explore options provided by Better World Books at

www.betterworldbooks.com. They offer free shipping for book donations as well as drop off locations in and around most major cities.



Sympathies to the Castele Family

Dick Castele’s (92 Ohio) father, Dr. Ted Castele, passed away on Sunday, August 23rd. Our thoughts and prayers go to Carolyn, Dick, and the entire Castele family. It has been a tough year for them, Dick’s mother had also passed away less than a year ago.

Minutes for the Heidelberg Beach Annual Membership Meeting July 25th, 2015

Opening:

- The meeting was called to order at 10:05. Jeff Springer opened with a prayer.
- Members who passed away this last year: Bob Koester, Karen Reimsnyder, Harriet Ossman, and Virginia Martin.
- New members joining this last year:
 - Beth Schuman (wife of Curt, added to the Schuman family lots)
 - Linda Lackey (daughter of Will Ossman, added to her father’s lease)
 - Dale Montgomery & his sister Sherri Vitti (children of Gayle Montgomery)
 - The 6 Kessler grandchildren now in charge of 64 Kentucky: Jeff Belmont,

Judy Destro, Ella Davidson, Craig Kessler, Scott Kessler, Linda Miranda.

- A motion was passed to dispense with the reading of last year's minutes (H. Foote/W. Hertzner)

Membership Roll Call and Distribution of

Ballots: Secretary Tom Eshelman recorded the roll of leaseholders by lot numbers. Ballots for the election of the Board of Trustees for 2015-2018 were distributed.

Association members representing 66.5 lots were present and proxies were turned in for an additional 11 lots. Hence, a total of 77.5 lots were represented. 50 lots are required for a quorum and 56 lots (2/3+1 of 83.5) are required for a By-Laws change.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Castele presented the summary of the finances as of the end of the fiscal year (June 30th, 2015). Of the \$128,817 total cash assets, \$92,192 are reserved for specific uses and \$22,925 are unencumbered. A motion passed to accept the report (W. Ossman/J. Springer).

Report of the Nominating Committee: David Rohrbaugh, Chair of the Nominating Committee, was not present so Jane Chidester presented the slate of nominees for the Board of Trustees for 2015-2018. They were Mary Border, Dick Castele (incumbent), Mary Chidester, Aaron Hamilton, Nancy Lukens (incumbent), Claudia Springer, and Barbara Weber (incumbent). There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Accomplishments and happenings of this last year:

- We successfully switched to using a "Community Task List." from our previous semi-annual Work Days.
- We switched our dumpster service and began locking down the dumpsters over the winter.
- The Board of Trustees brought Aaron Hamilton on as the co-chair to the Building Committee.
- The east entrance hill has now been filled in with grass.
- The CCWW implemented a ground leveling project west of the shuffleboard court.

- Seven new trees were planted.
- A free lending library cabinet was installed at the Lackey cottage.

Ongoing Projects:

- Adding photos to the membership directory. Printing a hardcopy directory.
- The Board has started to review and update our General Rules & Regulations.
- In the past year there have been many difficulties with our aging water and sewer lines. The Board will investigate an infrastructure overhaul in the coming year to the point where we understand all of our options and the costs involved.
- New playground equipment will be evaluated and purchased to replace the wooden structure currently in use. The Association is contributing \$500 towards the cost of the playground. This is already in reserve. The remainder of the cost will be provided for by donations from the community.
- The Tennis Club will investigate repairing and cleaning the tennis court.

Voting: Don Bratton and Bill Nightingale served as tellers to count the ballots. The following were elected to the Board for 2015-2018:

- Dick Castele
- Barbara Weber
- Mary Chidester
- Claudia Springer

New Business:

- Jim Schneider expressed a concern that there is no Load Limit sign on the entrance bridge.
- Harry Bratton expressed a concern about manning a task to keep the tennis court weeds under control.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Eshelman
Secretary

**Minutes for the Heidelberg Beach
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 25th, 2015**

Present: Jane Chidester (President), Dick Castele (Treasurer), Tom Eshelman (Secretary), Mary Chidester (newly elected to Board), Bill Hertzler, Jan Peer, Claudia Springer (newly elected), Barbara Weber, Scott Welch.

Absent: Rick Herwerden (Vice-President), Sharon Chidester, Bill Richardson.

Present for Real Estate Transaction Approval: Millicent L. Martin-Schultz (Penny) and Susann M. Aldrich.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Castele gave the treasurer's report for the fiscal year at the annual meeting earlier in the day.

Real Estate Report: A motion passed (Peer/Welch) to consent to the transfer of Lot 97 Ohio Road pursuant to a Transfer on Death Designation Affidavit dated June, 24, 2015, from Clarke F. Martin to Millicent L. Martin-Schultz (Penny) and Susann M. Aldrich and to accept Millicent L. Martin-Schultz (Penny) and Susann M. Aldrich into membership. This consent and approval shall not be effective until the death of Clarke F. Martin and shall have no effect should Clarke F. Martin revoke the Transfer on Death Designation Affidavit prior to his death.

Old Business:

A motion passed (J. Chidester/Welch) to create a task force to address an overhaul of our infrastructure (sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water lines, and possibly electric lines). The task force is expected to present options and costs and to engage a civil engineering firm in the process.

New Business:

1. Election of Officers

A motion passed unanimously (Springer/Peer) to re-elect the current officers: Jane Chidester (President), Rick Herwerden (Vice-President), Dick Castele (Treasurer), Tom Eshelman (Secretary), Mary Chidester (Real Estate Officer).

2. Property Items:

- a. A motion passed (Welch/Castele) to return the Glaviano's construction deposit.
- b. Plans are being made to remove the bushes on beach property between Clark's and Newman-Young's.
- c. The portion of Warder's lawn that was torn up during an infrastructure repair will be fixed.
- d. In August, there will be some asphalt work to complete recent infrastructure repairs. We will be billed.
- e. An old tree at Richardson's is being removed this week.
- f. A question was investigated as to whether our insurance will cover any infrastructure repairs. It will not. It is only liability insurance.
- g. A motion passed (Welch/Castele) to have Franklin clean out the clogged drain at the SE corner of David Rohrbaugh's house and possibly other clogged drains.

Next Board Meeting: Saturday, August 22 at 1pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Eshelman
Secretary

**Minutes for the Heidelberg Beach
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 22nd, 2015**

Present: Jane Chidester (President), Tom Eshelman (Secretary), Mary Chidester (Real Estate), Bill Hertzler, Jan Peer, Claudia Springer, Barbara Weber, Scott Welch

Absent: Sharon Chidester, Dick Castele (Treasurer), Rick Herwerden (VP), Bill Richardson

Special Guest(s): Task Force members Jeff Springer and David Rohrbaugh. Play set leaders Barb & Joe Tereshko.

Opening Prayer: Jeff Springer

Real Estate: Mary Chidester. None.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Castele. None.

Old Business:

1. The infrastructure overhaul investigation.
 - Jeff Springer is leading the task force. He reported that they prepared an RFP and sent it to four civil engineering firms. One declined to respond by the deadline date (August 13, 2015).
 - The RFP was for a feasibility study to be prepared that would: identify what we have, identify some options for the overhaul, provide rough cost estimates, and identify possible funding sources. The contract period would be 90 days. Design sketches are expected.
 - The Board received a document via email summarizing the RFP responses in advance of this meeting.
 - Jeff presented the Task Force recommendation: OHM Advisors of Brecksville, OH. Jeff hopes to get 2-page agreement signed by them in the next week. They agreed to fixed hourly fees with a cap of \$8900.
 - A motion was approved (C Springer/B Weber) to enter agreement with OHM for a feasibility study (as described in the RFP response document prepared for the board) using funds from the community reserved sewer improvement fund. The vote was 8-0.
2. Update on David Rohrbaugh's storm drain project.
 - All known storm drains have been repaired (except one that is paved over).
 - Using a map and metal detector, covered-over storm drains were found. They were uncovered and new tops were installed. The work was performed by Scott Welch and David Rohrbaugh. David submitted a bill for \$135 in expenses.
 - One drain required digging and repair by Franklin. Their bill has not been received yet.
3. The bill for the removal of the Richardson's tree was \$1537.20.
4. Discussion on General Rules: Jane is still drafting a document. Jane asked for drafts from

anyone who wants to submit rules governing one-time events.

5. A \$900 estimate was received to remove bushes along the path and the west edge of the Newman-Young property. A motion was approved (Peer/M. Chidester) to proceed with the project using Creek Reserved Funds. 8-0.

New Business:

1. The new playset.
 - The Tereshkos reported that the new playset has been selected. It is a 'Weaver playset' to be bought from an Amish distributor that has models set up at a location on SR 250. The finding is in place thanks to an outpouring of donations from the community.
 - Corinne's Castle was removed last week.
 - A motion was approved to proceed with the project and assign to it the \$550 that the community reserved funds for playground replacement (J. Chidester/Welch). The vote was 8-0.
3. The Board discussed the process when money must be spent without a scheduled Board meeting vote (recent tree & drain situations). No new procedure is needed.
4. Claudia will communicate to Ruth Schneider and Carol Dunkle that the Board should be kept informed of any changes being planned to the tennis court.
5. The Board wants email reminders to be sent out for the Community Task list tasks. Tom will help Jane with this.

Next Meeting: Sunday, September 20th at 1 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Eshelman
Secretary