Summer Business

Congratulations to Board Members Jack Corrigan and Dick Henderson, who were elected to a second 3-year term, and to Brice Chidester and Penny Martin-Shultz, elected to their first 3-year term.

The Board Officers for 2019-2020 are Jane Chidester (President), Scott Welch (VP), Claudia Springer (Secretary), Dick Castele (Treasurer), Mary Chidester (Real Estate).

Keep your eye on the online Community Calendar as events continue throughout the season. Next up:

Ice Cream Social, August 3rd, 7:30 PM
Hot Dog Roast, August 17th, 6:00 PM

Jane & John

Remembering Ken Stone

The July 14th Pavilion service and social hour was a special time remembering Ken Stone, who passed away earlier in the year. That Sunday, July 14th, would have been Ken’s 98th Birthday!

The Stone family prepared a picture display for the event and we couldn’t help but scan in and share this classic, and completely representative photo, from Heidelberg Beach.

Left to right are Ken Stone, Barclay Rohrbaugh, Harvey Foote, and Harry Bratton.

Ken wasn’t one to laugh out loud much; I never knew him to be boisterous; but he had a smile that lit up his face. Just the corners of his mouth would turn up a little bit. It wasn’t about a big grin or a jovial face. Ken smiled mostly with his eyes.

The following is a letter Richard Henderson wrote about his dear friend Ken:

Shortly after we moved into our house at Heidelberg Beach, we realized that one of the great benefits of having a place here would be having the Stones as neighbors. From the beginning they were friendly, pleasant, helpful, and just fun to be with.

I recall once, in the first couple of years that we had been here, I was out in the driveway trying to get my lawnmower started. I had cranked away at it several times and was tired and frustrated. Just about that time the door beside Stone’s garage opened and out came Ken. He was headed toward the front yard, but he noticed my dilemma and exasperated look. “You having trouble?” he said. I explained that I couldn’t get the mower started. He looked at it, turned and went back into his garage. (I was to learn later that his garage contained an incredible number of tools and treasures that are useful for all occasions, and that he loved his treasures.) In a minute he returned with a small spray can. He removed the cover to the carburetor and sprayed in a little of his magical fluid. The he grabbed the handle of the mower and yanked the cord. On the second pull the engine fired up and the mower hummed. That may have been the first time I noticed Ken’s small, endearing smile.

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He was quiet, and unassuming. He would do anything for you. It seemed that for his age he would do anything. Several times we came out of our house to find Ken up on his roof cleaning the gutters—and this was when he was well into his 90’s! He loved tinkering in his garage with his treasures, under the guise of “cleaning out the garage.”

How did Ken power all his efforts? With McDonalds! He ate McDonalds every day. We invited him several times to go with us to a restaurant for lunch, but he only wanted to eat McDonalds. I told him he should be a spokesperson for them because he was 97 years old and he only ate McDonalds. Next time you’re having a Big Mac remember Ken Stone.

He was a humble member of “The Greatest Generation.” Last year for his 97th birthday I suggested that maybe we could recognize his birthday by just inviting people from the beach to stop by his cottage and say hello and happy birthday to him. It could be on a Sunday afternoon and very informal. No cake or candles or big celebration, just a chance to say happy birthday, and how are you doing. I knew Ken would never allow a full birthday party so I suggested something very casual, but which would give people a chance to congratulate him and wish him well. Ken said he would think about it. The next time I saw him he said no. He didn’t want a recognition of this milestone, but he suggested maybe the four of us could go out for McDonalds sometime.

We never got to have that lunch.

Last March I had a doctor’s appointment in Avon, and we arranged with Molly to get together for lunch after seeing the doctor. When we checked with Molly to confirm our plans, she told us that we would have to change our location. Ken had been hospitalized over the weekend and he was now in hospice in Avon. After my appointment we went to meet them there. We talked for quite a while. He was still able to make some humorous comments and he had that wonderful smile.

Before we left Molly, her great niece, Audrey, Sheila, and I gathered around his bed. We all held hands and prayed for Ken’s care and comfort, and thanked God for the gifts that we have been given in life.

Apparently, Ken didn’t speak again after that day. He died two days later.

Ken Stone was a quiet, gentle, unassuming man, who had tremendous impact on the people around him. He was always positive and affirming. It was our privilege to have known him.

I really miss that Ken won’t be coming out of that door by his garage with that little smile on his face. We won’t be sitting down on the metal chairs in his front yard and talking about hamburgers or his “cleaning the garage” or his days with the airlines. But I firmly believe that Ken is being recognized for his humility; for all his days of kindness and caring; for his quiet, gentle, unassuming way with people; and for his great compassion. His Creator has embraced him and has welcomed him home.

This Sunday would be Ken Stone’s 98th birthday. In recognition of that Molly and her family will be providing a cake after the services on Sunday morning. I hope you will be able to join us in remembering and celebrating the life of this amazing man.

Richard Henderson

Concerns for Harvey Foote

In early June, Harvey Foote (47 Kentucky) gave everyone a scare as he was hospitalized for some heart issues. After about a month of recuperation, he was back on his tractor and we were all relieved to see him around again!

Yard Waste and Sticks Plan for the Summer

The Board has decided to stay with the plan to collect yard waste in biodegradable bags and pile the sticks in the dumpster area for the rest of this season. We will re-evaluate next year, so feel free to continue to share your feedback with any Board member. As soon as we can re-implement a burn pile east of the east pier, we will start taking all sticks and limbs back down there—but we don’t expect that to happen this summer.

There is a stocked pile of biodegradable bags in the Pavilion—free for the taking.

Again, thanks for your patience,
The Board
Sheila and Richard Henderson’s 50th Wedding Anniversary Party

Congratulations to Sheila and Dick Henderson (62 Kentuck) on their Golden Anniversary! Sheila and Dick’s children—Jennifer & Flip Sabes and Jon & Dar Henderson hosted a fabulous picnic lunch on July 6th for the whole community in their parent’s honor. The fun centerpiece was a Firetruck Food Truck that featured hamburgers, hot dogs, and pulled chicken sandwiches. It was a beautiful day for a beautiful couple!

Fabulous Fourth of July Parade

Many thanks to Nora Nolan (45 W. Virginia, daughter of Ellen & Josh, and granddaughter of Barb & Joe Tereshko) for organizing another spectacular July 4th Parade again this year. It was a banner turnout with so many patriotic participants!

And—Sheila and Dick were not alone this summer in celebrating this milestone anniversary—pictured below, our two Golden couples, Susan and Karl Volk (married on May 18th) and Sheila and Dick (married on June 28th).
Two Infrastructure Issues: One New and One just Resolved

A new water leak was discovered June 26th during the mowing up near the woods on the east side of the entrance. There was an area of active running water that appeared to just emerge from the hillside. We believe it is a leak in the water main under Rt. 6. Erie County has been contacted and they are taking it from here.

The second issue was a sinkhole that opened near the Dumke cottage. John Macko and Aaron Hamilton got that hole dug out and it revealed a storm sewer junction point (pipe inserted to bell end of the next section). It appeared that the section of pipe had shifted, and it opened a gap on top of the pipe. John filled the gap with an appropriate compound. After confirming that the pipe was sealed, the hole has been re-filled.

Follow-up: This was most likely the beginning of the water main break that caused the water outage at Heidelberg Beach on Sunday, July 28th.
Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach Board Meeting
June 22nd, 2019

Board: Jane Chidester (President), Claudia Springer (VP), Tom Eshelman (Secretary), Mary Chidester (Real Estate), Jeff Belmont, Jack Corrigan, Carol Dunkle, Aaron Hamilton, Richard Henderson, Jan Peer

Adjunct Trustee: Dick Castele (Treasurer)

Additional Guests for Yard Waste discussion: Dean Smith, John Macko

Absent: Scott Welch, Don Bratton

Opening Prayer: Tom Eshelman. 9:09AM

Approval Vote for prior Meeting Minutes: Not voted on – will vote on at next meeting.

May 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes


Treasurer’s Report: Dick Castele

- We are running a $1500 deficit for the current year, due to water leak problems. Some of that will be recouped via appeals to the county. (Update since the meeting: final mowing invoices have been received and the deficit now approximates $2,400 for the fiscal year.)
- A motion was approved (J. Corrigan/M. Chidester) to segregate the funds of the Council on Christian Work and worship in a separate checking account, and to include CCWW, Boat House, and Tennis Club funds in the annual IRS filing.

Business:

- A motion was approved (J. Belmont/J. Corrigan) to continue to pay Fred Yost $20/week to remove sticks, twigs, and yard waste that is deposited on a trailer parked by the dumpster. Ayes 9, Noes 1. (The current guidelines will continue in force: all twigs, sticks, and yard waste should be taken to the trailer by the dumpster as there is no longer an east beach burn pile, and there are no other designated dump areas on the property. Yard waste should be in biodegradable bags.)
- While Harvey Foote is recuperating, a motion was approved (J. Belmont/A. Hamilton) to hire Josh Kolesch to mow two times and to be paid $450 and $600. Jeff Belmont will contact another mowing firm as well for an audition after Josh Kolesch. Fred Yost already did a mowing for $450 and estimated that he would charge $600 for future mowings which include hand mowing and weed-whacking.
- A motion was approved (T. Eshelman/J. Belmont) to accept the report from the nominating committee: Jack Corrigan and Dick Henderson (incumbents), Brice Chidester and Penny Martin-Shultz (new members). It was decided that the secretary will prepare and distribute ballots as usual showing these four names and blank lines in case there are floor nominations.
- General Rules discussion: A. Hamilton and R. Henderson will work on a new draft that condenses the rules document to a single legal-size page. It will be emailed to Board members for comments prior to a discussion at the next Board meeting.

Adjournment: (C. Dunkel/A. Hamilton). 11:23AM.

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting: July 20th @ 10 AM at the Pavilion. Board Meeting to follow.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Eshelman
Secretary

Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach Annual Membership Meeting
July 20th, 2019

Opening:

- The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM. Rev. Richard Henderson opened with a prayer.
- A motion (M. Chidester/J. Greene) passed to dispense with the reading of last year’s minutes and approve them.

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 2019-2022 were distributed. Association members representing 69 lots were present and proxies were turned in for an additional 8 lots. Hence, a total of 77 lots were represented. 50 lots are required for a quorum.

Treasurer’s Report:

Dick Castele presented the summary of the finances as of the end of the fiscal year (June 30th, 2019). Of the $430,831 total cash assets, $349,131 are infrastructure reserve, $55,740 are reserved for specific reserves and $25,960 are unencumbered. A motion passed (J. Macko/B. Chidester) to accept the report.

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Report of the Nominating Committee:

Four Board positions needed to be filled. Jane Chidester presented the slate of nominees for the Board of Trustees for 2019-2022: Jack Corrigan (incumbent), Dick Henderson (incumbent), Brice Chidester, and Penny Martin-Shultz. Brice and Penny spoke briefly to introduce themselves. There were no additional nominations from the floor. A motion was approved (J. Belmont/C. Springer) to close the nominations. A motion was approved (Char Schuman/ D. Bratton) to accept by acclamation our full slate (Jack Corrigan, Dick Henderson, Brice Chidester, and Penny Martin-Shultz) to the Board.

Accomplishments and happenings of this last year:

- Jane Chidester (President) highlighted three items in her summary remarks.
  - In partnership with the Ohio Department of Natural Resource’s Office of Coastal Management, the Lake Erie Shore Erosion Management Plan (LESEMP) is being developed as part of an ongoing effort to assist property owners along the Lake Erie coast by providing free technical assistance to address erosion issues. The Board intends to seek their counsel and evaluation so that we can make a good long-term plan on how to protect ourselves now, and for the future.
  - A new document shows a historical timeline of Heidelberg Beach’s infrastructure milestones. This will be a good reference for use in starting to design the new water system. The Board still expects that planning will begin in another two or three years. For now, we are just continuing to build up the reserve fund.
  - The Board has started a review of the General Rules. The Board plans to pursue a category-oriented style and will keep the most relevant information to a simple one-page format that can printed and laminated for everyone to hang in their cottages. The plan is also to create a companion document that would more fully explain the reasons for the rules and explain the administration of our Association. Aaron Hamilton and Dick Henderson are leading this effort and welcome input.

Open Discussion:

- Jane Chidester: due to the lack of a burn pile, this season we are collecting yard waste in bags, collecting sticks in a pile, and collecting both of these down by the dumpster. Feedback is welcomed.
- N. Lukens: we need signage or something to discourage climbing the eroded banks on the east end of the beach.
- N. Lukens: how long until the shore erosion recommendations are received?
  - B. Chidester: will contact the LESEMP and serve as our point person.
- H. Foote: sandbags were used in 1986 to save the boathouse from erosion.
- C. Springer: sand is eroding, not actual dirt base. Climbing on the eroded banks is treacherous.
- E. Greene: expressed concern that we don’t recycle. J. Chidester: cost would double to obtain a recycling bin. J. Peer: is providing an unofficial recycling service currently. Users must follow the guidelines.
- J. Belmont: speed limits must be observed.

Adjournment: A motion passed (J. Belmont/P. Martin-Shultz) to adjourn at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Eshelman
Secretary

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July 20th, 2019

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Adjunct Trustee: Dick Castele (Treasurer)

Absent: Scott Welch (VP) and Aaron Hamilton

Call to order: at 10:45 with prayer by Richard Henderson.

Business:

- Election of officers for the coming year by a unanimous vote:
  - Jane Chidester (President)
  - Scott Welch (VP)
  - Claudia Springer (Secretary)
  - Dick Castele (Treasurer)
  - Mary Chidester (Real Estate)
Welcome new Board members: Brice Chidester and Penny Martin-Shultz.

Approval of minutes for May 18, 2019 and June 22, 2019, moved by Belmont/Dunkle, passed unanimously.

The Board set the next meeting date to discuss the Budget for August 17, 2019, 10:00 at the Pavilion.

Discussion:

The Board discussed information already available from the Lake Erie Shore Erosion Management Plan at http://coastal.ohiodnr.gov/erosion and appointed a committee to research actions to prevent further beach erosion and to report back to the Board at the next meeting: Jeff Belmont, Brice Chidester, Penny Martin-Schultz.

The Board discussed the problem of slippage along the east end of the Promenade bank and assigned Claudia Springer to talk to Jan Peer about making caution signs for that area, warning people to stay away from the edge where erosion has undercut the bank, and to post yellow caution tape.

Jane Chidester reported that we have had two “auditions” and received two subsequent bids for lawn maintenance for next season: Josh Kolesch and Fred Yost have each mowed twice and expressed a willingness to do the work at $600 per mow for mowing and some trimming. Jeff Belmont and Jane Chidester each reported that they contacted another mowing company that did not want to enter a bid. In June Jane contacted a 4th lawn service, Firelands Lawn, who said they could not come out until later in the season to give us a bid. Jeff Belmont called them back and they will be coming to meet with Jeff and walk the property this coming Saturday.

The Board left the matter in the hands of Harvey Foote to indicate how much he wants to mow and for how long before the Board takes any further action. Carol Dunkle will approach Harvey Foote about this matter, and the Board will revisit land maintenance at the budget meeting.

Jeff Belmont volunteered to explore switching to Cyclone Waste Management and finding out the cost of an 8-cubic-yard dumpster, emptied once a week off-season and twice a week during the summer months. Jeff will also ask if Cyclone does any recycling. Jane Chidester will investigate recycling for the summer months through Republic Services, our present contract. In the meantime, Jan Peer has provided information about the recycling program offered through Erie County. Information can be accessed at http://www.eriecountyrecycles.org/ or by contacting Jan. Jane will ask Peers to consider monitoring the dumpster contract.

Dick Henderson reported that he and Aaron Hamilton are moving forward with an edition of the rules and will have some suggestions in time to present them at the next annual meeting.

Motion to adjourn: (Brice Chidester/Carol Dunkle) The meeting was adjourned at 11:17.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Claudia Springer  
Secretary