



President, Jim Keller called the June meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on June 14, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Marion Township Building. Meeting Minutes which include updates not covered at the meeting were approved as discussed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report was given by Shannon Everman. Elaine Wolters moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Unrast seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS     \$121,364.26**

*Asset Allocations*

Checking	\$96,262.15
CD's	\$15,534.20
Savings	<u>\$9,567.91</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$121,364.26</b>

*Funding Allocations*

Recreation Fund	\$10,453.84
General Fund - MCDO	\$33,490.15
Marion Soccer	\$8,460.83
Girls' Softball	\$4,757.43
ML FFA	\$13,712.42
Boys Baseball	\$8,367.26
AS Promo	\$3,817.87
Ag Ed Boosters	\$24,725.81
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,500.00
ML Bowling	\$140.30
Marion Industrial Park Association	<u>\$8,938.35</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$121,364.26</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

May 15:	Morris & Marlene Albers	May 22:	Doug & Deb Ruhenkamp
May 29:	Kevin & Lisa Homan	June 5:	Tom Mescher
June 12:	Gary & Donna Moeller		

**MARION TOWNSHIP PARK**

*Committee Chairperson – Ron Hartings*

The monthly winners of the Marion Township Park Raffle are as follows:

\$50 – Brian & Kylee Seitz	\$30 – BJ & Susie Everman
\$25 – Paul & Rosalee Holdheide	\$25 – Dale & Beth Barga

Thanks to all the members continuing their support of the Marion Township Park! Follow the Marion Township Park on Facebook and Twitter.

## **MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold*

**Thank you to all renewed and new members for 2016!** Membership for the year is \$15.00 for a family and \$60.00 for a business. Please contact Bob Dippold (419) 305-0128 or Shannon Everman (419) 925-5707 or email to [admin@marioncommunities.com](mailto:admin@marioncommunities.com) if you have any questions about the status of your membership. We greatly appreciate your support!

## **HEALTH, SAFETY & EDUCATION**

*Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters*

Summer is a time for family fun. Listed below are a few activities/crafts that will keep your kids entertained and help them enjoy the outdoors.

- Take a magnifying glass to a park. Hunt for a stone with lines, a buttercup, a pinecone, a feather, and a leaf. Take turns examining each item up close.
- Head outside to look for bugs and insects, then recreate them. Give rocks a coat of paint and let dry. Then, in another color, add spots or stripes. Glue on a set of googly eyes. Once the rocks dry, enjoy your new pets.
- Make pretty leaf prints. Arrange leaves on light-sensitive paper (find it at [sunprints.org](http://sunprints.org)), then cover it with an acrylic sheet and set it in the sun for just a few minutes. Rinse the paper in water, then lay it on a flat surface to dry.
- Build a backyard obstacle course with hula hoops, jump rope and garden hose, then time the kids as they run thru the course.
- Tip: On a rainy day, hit the library, then "rough it" indoors. Build a tent in your living room using some chairs and blankets, then read books inside by flashlight.

## **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee Chairperson – Bob Unrast*

Bob Unrast provided an update on the Marion Acres Development. There is new construction started on a home in the Development and we are excited to see the progress! At this time, there is no additional news from the housing perspective.

## **AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty*

The Ag Ed Boosters held a meeting on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> this month due to scheduling conflicts. The Boosters are going to assist the Mercer County Dairy Association at the milkshake stand during the 2016 Mercer County Fair.

Our summer newsletter will include a brochure recently completed by our Ag Ed students. Be sure to check it out. The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8:00pm in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. All are invited to attend!

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

The MCDO is continuing to pursue options for gas lines in the Marion Community.

The new phase of the Industrial Park is in development mode! New construction has started on Brick Haus Salon & Spa. It is anticipated to open Winter 2016 and will be a full service salon and spa. We look forward to the continuing progress of this area and will provide updates as they are completed.

## NEW BUSINESS:

The MCDO was recently provided recommendations for liability insurance coverage for land owned by the MCDO, the organizations supported by the MCDO, and for Directors and Officers. The MCDO is working with Marion Township to transfer ownership of the land, which is located at the Marion Township Park. Additionally, the MCDO plans to review options for the liability coverage as a part of the support of the various organizations as well as the Directors and Officers.

The MCDO has been approached about the possibility of a sidewalk along the East side of State Route 716. In light of all of the recent housing development, the MCDO is reviewing grant options for the sidewalk. Years ago, the residents on the West side of 716 wanted a sidewalk and ended up self funding the project. There are options we will pursue but it will be a significant challenge to get outside funding.

## VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

**Chickasaw** – The Chickasaw Board of Public Affairs is working to coordinate with the Marion Local Schools to tie into the water line as part of their Water Project.

**Chickasaw Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters, call Kelli Thobe at 419- 925-5810.

**Osgood** – There is nothing to report.

**Osgood Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters, call Alan Wendel at 419-582-4502.

**Marion Township** – This year’s paving project will be on Kremer Road between 119 and Huwer Road. Additional roads will have minor chipping repairs.

**Marion Township Park Board** – For information or concerns about the park, call Keith Pohlmann at 419-925-6805.

**Marion Local Schools** – The Marion Local Schools have announced their intention of pursuing construction on a new auditorium, gymnasium, and agriculture education complex. The Board will need to decide on an architect and funding for the project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., with a motion from Don Rosenbeck and seconded by Elaine Wolters. The MCDO’s July meeting has been cancelled. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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