



President, Jim Keller called the July meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on July 11th, 2017, 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 Jean Bender. Bob Unrast moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$147,191

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$112,212	Recreation Fund	\$21,966
CD's	\$15,665	General Fund – MCDO	\$33,843
Savings	<u>\$19,314</u>	Marion Soccer	\$13,946
Total Assets	\$147,191	Girls' Softball	\$5,552
		ML FFA	\$16,021
		ML FFA Pork Producers	\$8,578
		Boys Baseball	\$7,067
		Ag Ed Boosters	\$26,182
		Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,500
		ML Bowling	\$188
		Marion Industrial Park Association	\$3,279
		Woods Chapel	\$6,069
		Total Assets	\$147,191

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

June 18:	Kevin & Nicole Fleck	July 2:	Matt & Angie Schoenlein
June 25:	Adam & Jodi Kremer	July 9:	Gary & Helen Kremer

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Lee Heitkamp

The monthly winners of the Marion Township Park Raffle will be posted in the next meeting minutes. Follow the Marion Township Park on Facebook and Twitter!

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you to all who have supported and continued to support the MCDO with memberships in 2017! The MCDO has surpassed all other years in memberships! 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 if you have any questions about the status of your membership.

HEALTH & SAFETY EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

What You Eat Does Matter

Though the connection between oral hygiene and other certain chronic conditions is still being debated, evidence has shown a correlation between the two. Periodontics disease has been linked to conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, dementia, and rheumatoid arthritis. In addition, gum disease has been linked to poor heart health, including heart attacks.

Help to keep your teeth healthy & strong through the food you eat:

- Cheese and nuts help to protect tooth enamel by providing the calcium and phosphorus needed to re-mineralize teeth.
- Chewing sugarless gum helps to remove lodged food.
- Apples and pears have a high water content, diluting the sugars they contain. They also stimulate the flow of saliva, washing away food particles and buffering acid.
- Strawberries are loaded with gum-building vitamin C.
- Oranges help strengthen blood vessels and connective tissues within the gums.

Properly cleaning your teeth and gums daily and monitoring changes in your mouth such as red, inflamed gums or sores that will not heal are important for maintaining good oral health. Also, schedule routine exams with your dentist to properly care for your teeth and gums and to detect any minor issues before it is too difficult to treat.

HOUSING

Committee Chairperson – Bob Unrast

The St. Francis housing development south of Chickasaw has six building lots available. The lots are between .381 and .711 acres starting at \$28,500 and include village water and sewage. Contact Tess Mescher for more information at 419-305-0106.

The Lochtefeld Addition in Chapel Hill still has lots available for sale. For more information, visit <https://randyeverson.com/category/lotsfarms/> or call 419-678-4384

The Woodview Estates subdivision is getting close to starting new housing construction. For more information, please contact Jay Ruhenkamp at 937-295-4244.

Heitkamp Developers recently acquired four additional lots in Marion Acres. These lots are available for sale. Please contact Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307 for more information.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Ag Ed Boosters will again be hosting the Ice Cream Stand at the Mercer County Fair. The Marion Local and St. Henry FFA Programs are co-coordinating the Pork Producers Stand at the Mercer County Fair. Please support these organizations August 11th – 17th!

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, July 17th, 2017 at 8:00pm in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

The MCDO met with Mike Pohlman and Nick Wilker for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) on Thursday, June 22nd, 2017. Nick Moeller also attended the meeting as a representative for the Bike Trail Project, which may be able to tie in to SRTS. In March, the MCDO applied for some funding for educational and promotional aspects of the program. If we are awarded the money for this funding, then additional discussion will continue with the school on next steps.

The Marion Community Bike Trail Proposal committee held a meeting on June 27th, 2017. The meeting brought several community members providing valuable insight, support, and concerns into the possible multi-use path. The next meeting is scheduled for July 26th, 2017 at 8:00pm at the Moeller Brew Barn. The committee is still looking for more volunteers.

An infrastructure goal of the SRTS initiative is a sidewalk on the east side of SR 716. The MCDO is planning to host a meeting with the involved residents to discuss this and other options. More information concerning the meeting will be coming soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Industrial Park has been active with development recently. Huelsman Automotive has begun new building construction. Additionally, Dan Heitkamp has sold one of his two available lots to Dr. Bill Minton.

The regularly scheduled August MCDO meeting will be cancelled and will resume on Tuesday, September 12th, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Marion Township Building.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS:

Chickasaw – No new information to report.

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

Osgood – No new report.

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

Marion Township – No new information to report.

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 finalized a renewal levy to be voted on by local residents at the November 7th general election.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m., with a motion from Jean Bender and seconded by Wolters. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, September 12th, 2017 at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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