



President, Jim Keller called the May meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on May 9th, 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. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$164,150

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$131,979
CD's	\$15,643
Savings	<u>\$16,528</u>
Total Assets	\$164,150

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$17,966
General Fund – MCDO	\$35,091
Marion Soccer	\$9,906
Girls' Softball	\$14,290
ML FFA	\$17,110
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$8,578
Boys Baseball	\$17,652
AS Promo	\$0
Ag Ed Boosters	\$26,099
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,500
ML Bowling	\$48
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$3,984
Woods Chapel	\$8,926
Total Assets	\$164,150

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Cory Albers

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

April 16:	Rudy & Gail Wendel	April 30:	Paul & Carol Fleck
April 23:	Ron & Rose Lochtefeld	May 7:	Tim & Joyce Moeller

MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

Committee Chairperson – Lee Heitkamp

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

\$50 – Sam & Tina Thobe	\$25 – Carl & Linda Koenig
\$30 – Vernon Bruns	\$25 – Ty & Tara Grieshop

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.

HOUSING

Committee Chairperson – Bob Unrast

The Woodview Estates subdivision is continuing to progress! Rapid Development has been working on curbs and streets. The plan for street lights has been approved by Marion Township and they have an anticipated completion date of early summer. After that project is completed, then new housing construction can begin. 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 next Ag Solutions meeting is tentatively planned for July 10th and this will be the last meeting before Theresa Dirksen goes on maternity leave. More information to follow!

The Ag Ed Boosters elected new officers at their April meeting. Current VP Louie Bruns becomes the new president; Roger Broering was elected as the new VP and Sharon Moeller as secretary. Treasurer Stephanie Pohlman remains in her position for another year. The Boosters thank outgoing president Shawn Tuente and secretary Rebecca Ungruhn for their service. The Boosters finalized their plans to facilitate the dairy stand at the Mercer County fair. The next Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, May 15th, 2017 at 8:00pm in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

The MCDO will be continuing to work through the proposal with Safe Routes to School. These types of grants present a few challenges to pull together all the right information and people necessary to receive any award from the State.

It's springtime! Along with spring, comes maintenance and cleaning. The sidewalks in Maria Stein have been very beneficial to the community for several years. Many of these sidewalks have been maintained and we appreciate your diligence! Some areas along the way could use edging for ease of use and for safety reasons. Please consider keeping the sidewalks clear and if you need assistance for the maintenance, please contact admin@marioncommunities.com or 419-305-0128. Thank you!

NEW BUSINESS:

The majority of the MCDO meeting was centered on a Marion Community Bike Trail Proposal. Nick Moeller, Doug Bender, Phil Moeller, and Ron Puthoff attended the meeting to express their interest in a bike trail potential for the community. The group has requested support of the MCDO to champion the project with a subcommittee to focus on the project. They provided a presentation to the Board, which showed possible funding options as well as trail layouts. The focus group is going to put together a plan with next steps and present it at the June MCDO meeting.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS

Chickasaw – The Water Project recently reported that the Marion Local Schools declined involvement in the project.

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 – The Township will be resurfacing in Chapel Hill on the asphalt areas only and Stelzer Road from 274 to 119 very soon so please be aware and prepared.

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 recently approved contracts for administrators, a new K-8 Assistant Principal, and the Marion Local Education Association.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m., with a motion from Jean Bender and seconded by Bob Unrast. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, June 13th, 2017 at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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