



President, Jim Keller called the November meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 Shannon Everman. Don Rosenbeck moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

### CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS     \$169,254

*Asset Allocations*

Checking	\$141,035
CD's	\$15,705
Savings	\$12,514
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$169,254</b>

*Funding Allocations*

Recreation Fund	\$15,302
General Fund – MCDO	\$29,180
Marion Soccer	\$12,615
Girls' Softball	\$12,865
ML FFA	\$23,700
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$22,059
Boys Baseball	\$14,723
Ag Ed Boosters	\$26,327
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,500
ML Bowling	\$188
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$3,414
Woods Chapel	\$4,259
Multi-Use Path	\$122
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$169,254</b>

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

*Committee Chairperson – Mich Thobe*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

October 15:     Jim & RoseAnna Keller	November 5:     Ted & Janet Heitkamp
October 22:     Damon & Jackie Bertke	November 12:     Korner Kafe
October 29:     Jay & Karen Homan	

### MARION TOWNSHIP PARK

*Committee Chairperson – Lee Heitkamp*

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

<b><u>October</u></b>	<b><u>November</u></b>
\$50 – Rita Heint	\$50 – Larry Feltz
\$30 – Ron & Vickie Winner	\$30 – Kurt Thobe
\$25 – Elsie Balster	\$25 – Doug & Nancy Billerman
\$25 – Gary Hartings	\$25 – Diane Wolters

Please follow Marion Township Park on **Facebook (Marion Township Park)** and on **Twitter (@MarionTwpPark)**. You can also contact us through email: [mariontwppk@gmail.com](mailto:mariontwppk@gmail.com).

## **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! Memberships for 2018 will be due in January. Membership forms will be included in next month's minutes. 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.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY EDUCATION**

*Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters*

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at Mercer Health, Coldwater on Friday, December 1 from 12:00PM – 5:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

### **Protein, Weighing the Pros and Cons**

There is a lot of publicity these days about protein- diets call for high protein intake, body builders seek protein shakes, and there is even protein ice cream. Protein is a very important component of every cell in the body as it is the building block of bones, muscles, cartilage, skin, and blood. Your body uses protein to build and repair tissues, and to make enzymes, hormones, and other body chemicals.

Since protein is a macronutrient, the body requires a lot of it. But too much of a good thing does exist. By concentrating on protein sources, dieters may be getting too much salt, and not enough calcium, potassium, or other nutrients found in fruits and vegetables.

All diets are a balancing act, but your balance may be different than other individuals. The recommended dietary allowance for protein is 0.8 grams of protein per kilogram of body weight. Meat is a popular source of protein, but there are other alternatives available such as cottage cheese, yogurt, unsalted almonds, chia seeds, beans, quinoa or humus. About ¼ of your plate should come from protein foods.

Consult your medical professional so that your medical history (such as diabetes, anemia, etc.) may be considered.

## **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, call 419-678-4384.

The Woodview Estates subdivision still has lots available for sale. For more information, please contact Jay Ruhenkamp at 937-295-4244.

Heitkamp Developers has four additional lots in Marion Acres for sale. Please contact Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307 for more information.

The developer is working with Marion Township to finalize plans for lots by Rolfes Road and State Route 119. More information will be shared as it is available.

## **AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty*

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 8:00pm in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. All are invited to attend!

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nick Moeller provided an update on the Marion Community Bike Trail Project. The Committee decided to setup a “Marion Communities Multi-Use Path” Fund. The financial accounting will be housed under the MCDO. The Committee will begin accepting donations to the Multi-Use Path. Any donations can be written to the “MCDO – Multi-Use Path” and sent to PO Box 65, Maria Stein, OH 45860. Pac-Man's Party in the Park has been set for September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Marion Township Park. Brad Knapke is celebrate 25 years in business in 2018 and is very thankful to the Marion community for its support. Details of the party and the fundraising campaign are on the agenda at the next Marion Communities Bike Path meeting, which will be Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Marion Township Building.

The 716 Sidewalk Project has continued to progress. There has been positive feedback from the residents about the approach to self-fund the sidewalks. The MCDO is working to complete a plan and drawing to be approved by ODOT before further development can begin.

Kristen Hemmelgarn from Maria Stein is participating in the Mercer County Leadership in Action program. She has reached out to the MCDO with an offer to assist with any community needs. At the September meeting, the board decided to have Nick Moeller contact her to determine if her offer might fit well with Bike Path Committee efforts. After review of the Bike Path Project, the Mercer County Leadership in Action Committee has chosen a different organization for community assistance.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Industrial Park is continuing construction. MS Welding and Buschur Leasing are in the beginning phases of development. It is exciting to see the progress in the Marion Community!

One of the CD’s has reached maturity. The Board discussed the options available on the funds and the decision was made to renew the CD for 24 months at a rate of 1.5%. Nick Moeller moved to approve the CD renewal. Bob Unrast seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**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 Ryan Stucke 419-852-5088.

**Marion Local Schools** – The Marion Local Schools will host a community meeting on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00pm in the elementary gym. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting for the presentation of the site and floor plan and 3-D rendering of the new facility.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m., with a motion from Bob Dippold and seconded by Nick Moeller. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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