



President, Jim Keller called the October meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on October 10<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 Jean Bender. Bob Unrast moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS     \$168,717**

*Asset Allocations*

Checking	\$138,507
CD's	\$15,696
Savings	<u>\$14,514</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$168,717</b>

*Funding Allocations*

Recreation Fund	\$14,942
General Fund – MCDO	\$30,807
Marion Soccer	\$14,121
Girls' Softball	\$12,750
ML FFA	\$21,665
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$21,099
Boys Baseball	\$14,723
Ag Ed Boosters	\$26,327
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$4,500
ML Bowling	\$188
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$3,214
Woods Chapel	\$4,259
Multi-Use Path	<u>\$122</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$168,717</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Mitch Thobe*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

September 17:	Dave & Mandy Koenig	September 24:	Nick & Julie Schulze
October 1:	Todd & Amy Grieshop	October 8:	Jeremy & Jill Hess

**MARION TOWNSHIP PARK**

*Committee Chairperson – Lee Heitkamp*

The monthly winners of the Marion Township Park Raffle will be published in next month’s minutes. 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! 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](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 at the Maria Stein American Legion on Monday, November 6 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The American Cancer Society screening guidelines are developed to save lives by finding breast cancer early, when treatment is more likely to be successful. The latest guideline applies to women at average risk for breast cancer. Among other recommendations, it says all women should begin having yearly mammograms by age 45, and can change to having mammograms every other year beginning at age 55.

Healthy Kids Day

Mercer Health, in cooperation with the Coldwater and Celina Kiwanis, will be conducting their 13<sup>th</sup> annual Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, October 21, at the Coldwater High School Auditoria, from 9:00AM to 11:30AM. A wide variety of screenings and activities have been planned. Everything offered is free and open to the public. Those wanting more information should call Community Outreach at 419-678-5216.

Mercer Health Fall Lab Fest

Mercer Health's Fall Lab Fest will be held Saturday, October 28 from 7:00AM – 10:00AM at Mercer County Community Hospital. Mercer Health's Lab Fest offers a variety of blood tests provided conveniently and at economical prices. In addition to lab tests, flu shots will be offered and colorectal cancer kits will be available.

## **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://randyevers.com/category/lotsfarms/> or call 419-678-4384.

The Woodview Estates subdivision has begun new housing construction! Several lots have already been sold and there are still 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, October 16<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. The Committee is still researching options for the location and funding of the multi-use path. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. at the Moeller Brew Barn and the primary focus is fundraising activities and options.

Jim Keller sent a letter to all of the residents affected by the 716 Sidewalk project. Each resident was provided with an estimated cost per foot for the sidewalk and was given the opportunity to provide feedback on the project. More information to follow as it is available.

Brad Knapke, Pac-Man Productions DJ, attended the September meeting to discuss his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in business coming in 2018. He has had great support from the community over the past 25 years and would like to give back his time in appreciation for this support. Brad Knapke and Nick Moeller are still working through options for a particular venue and are tentatively looking at date in September 2018.

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. Kristen has received the information and will provide feedback upon further review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nick Moeller has accepted the role of Chairperson for the Infrastructure Committee. The MCDO appreciates his willingness to step up and take on this role.

The Industrial Park is continuing to take shape! Bill Minton, DVM has begun construction on a warehouse, MS Welding has recently started its building construction, and Huelsman Automotive is continuing construction on their storage 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 will have a renewal levy on the November 7<sup>th</sup> ballot.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., with a motion from Bob Unrast and seconded by Elaine Wolters. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00p.m in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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