



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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:00 a.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.

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		<b>CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$156,448</b>	<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$130,367			Recreation Fund	\$10,546
CD's	\$15,788			General Fund – MCDO	\$33,159
Savings	<u>\$10,293</u>			Marion Soccer	\$17,159
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$156,448</b>			Girls' Softball	\$6,691
				ML FFA	\$17,497
				ML FFA Pork Producers	\$22,059
				Boys Baseball	\$6,855
				Ag Ed Boosters	\$28,835
				Ag Ed Scholarship	\$3,500
				ML Bowling	\$354
				Marion Industrial Park Association	\$3,617
				Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$4,259
				Multi-Use Path	\$1,158
				Fundamental League	\$759
				<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$156,448</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Mitch Thobe*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

June 18:	Ryan & Megan Stucke	July 2:	Dale & Lynn Homan
June 25:	Ben & Tess Moeller	July 9:	Jim & Marlene Dahlinghaus

**MARION TOWNSHIP PARK**

*Committee Chairperson – Lee Heitkamp*

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). The Monthly Park Raffle Winners for June are:

- \$50 – Carolyn Thobe
- \$30 – Ric & Gail Mueller
- \$25 – Bob Will
- \$25 – Bob & Patsy Unrast

## **MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold*

Thank you to all those who you have supported the MCDO in the 2018 membership drive! 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*

### **Summer Safety**

Although summer should be a fun time for outdoor activities and exploration, unfortunately, there is also an increased risk for injury. Summer is often referred to as “trauma season” by health care professionals working in emergency departments. Injuries are the leading cause of death and disability for children and youth. Injury rates are highest during the summer months for children and teenagers because it is the time when they are exposed to more risks.

### **Safety Tips for Parents and Caregivers**

We all want our children to live to their full potential and keep safe and secure. Parents can play a key role in protecting the children they love from injury. Get involved with your child and know where they are going and what they are doing outside. This will allow you to take necessary steps to help protect them.

- Actively supervise your child when engaging in summertime activities, such as swimming and playing on playground equipment or in backyards.
- Use the right safety gear for your child’s activities, such as a :
  - \*Helmet for bicycle safety- To measure for a bike helmet, wrap a tape measure around the largest portion of the child’s head just above the eyebrows and ears and read the measurement in centimeters. Look for a helmet size that matches your measurement.
  - \*Life jacket for open water swimming and boating.
- Role model proper safety behavior. Children are more likely to follow safety rules when they see their parents doing so.
- Surround your pool or spa with a four- sided fence to keep children safe. Empty these pools when not in use.
- Keep children away from the grill area while preheating and cooking food.
- Remove potential poisons from your yard, including pesticides and pool chemicals.
- Apply sunscreen rated SPF 15 or higher to child’s skin 15 to 30 minutes before going out, and reapply according to manufacturer instructions.
- Make sure your child drinks plenty of water while playing outside. Encourage them to rest in the shade or go indoors to avoid over exposure to the heat or sun.

## **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.

RCS Construction has recently finished paving Washington Avenue North in Marion Acres. Lots along Washington Avenue North are now available for sale and new home construction. For information on lots available for sale, please contact Randy Bruns at 419-305-1869.

### **AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty*

The Marion Local FFA is purchasing new cookware as part of the classroom education experience. They continue to work on projects through the summer. The FFA is also gearing up for the Mercer County Fair scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018!

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 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 Multi-Use Path Project. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Moeller Brew Barn.

The MCDO continues to work through the challenges for the SR 716 (East side) sidewalk. The challenges facing the project continue to be maneuvering the infrastructure, where to properly end the sidewalk and ultimately install a crosswalk(s) to the West side of 716, and the financial impact to residents.

Nick Moeller recently contacted Vectren Energy for the possibility and feasibility of natural gas in the Maria Stein area. Nick has received feedback on the information that would be needed to conduct a feasibility study. Nick has put together an information request form and will work with Shannon Everman to send the information requests to the local businesses.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Tax Return Form 990 was reviewed with the Board. Bob Unrast moved to approve the Final Form 990 as presented. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The Marion Local Band Boosters sent a request for sponsorship of their Midwest Ohio Marching Band Competition on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Jean Bender moved to approve the sponsorship of the event. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

In conjunction with Pac-Man Party in the Park on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, there will be a Kid Bicycle Rodeo for kids ages Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Registration is free! All participants of the rodeo **must** wear a helmet. Helmets will be available for participants and the funds available may cover the entire cost of the helmet for your child! There are two sizes of helmets: Medium: 52-57 cm (20-1/4" - 22-1/2") and Large: 54-61 cm (21-1/4" - 24"). In order to determine the appropriate size, please measure the circumference of the child's head above the eyebrows and around/above the ears. If you are in need of a helmet, please send your request and information to [infrastructure@marioncommunities.com](mailto:infrastructure@marioncommunities.com).

Additionally, there will be a Bike Tour held on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. There is a choice of a 12, 25, or 50 mile route. All tours depart from the Marion Township Park at 9:00 a.m. For more information and to obtain the registration form, visit <http://www.marioncommunities.com/news.htm>.

### **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** – Paving will soon begin on Indian Trail Road between SR 716 and Huwer Road.

**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 submit a bond issue to be elected by school district members on the November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 ballot.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m., with a motion from Jean Bender and seconded by Elaine Wolters. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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