



President, Jim Keller called the April meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on April 9th, 2019 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. Bob Dippold seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$196,846

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$158,212
CD's	\$15,939
Savings	<u>\$22,695</u>
Total Assets	\$196,846

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$23,058
General Fund – MCDO	\$34,854
Marion Soccer	\$13,943
Girls' Softball	\$4,566
ML FFA	\$26,527
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$21,880
Boys Baseball	\$18,673
Ag Ed Boosters	\$30,519
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,500
ML Bowling	\$88
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$6,950
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$3,688
Multi-Use Path	\$6,826
Fundamental League	<u>\$2,774</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$196,846</u>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Brian Wolters

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

March 18:	Matt & Kate Homan	April 1:	Moeller Brew Barn
March 25:	Jeremy & Jill Hess	April 8:	Jeff & Nancy Luebke

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. The Monthly Park Raffle Winners for April are:

- \$50 – Glenn & Jo Schwieterman
- \$30 – Delbert & Velma Thobe
- \$25 – Greg & Stacie Homan
- \$25 – Jim & Linda Schwieterman

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you for your continued support with the MCDO! 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

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive on Monday, May 6 at the Knights of St John Hall, Maria Stein from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please register by calling 1-800-733-2767.

Healthy Waves Challenge & Summer Run/Walk Kick-Off Event

Mercer Health and Community Sports and Therapy Center have partnered together to offer a “Healthy Waves Challenge” to motivate and encourage the community- You – to get up and MOVE!

Participants are required to complete 1,020 minutes of moderate intensity aerobic activity for 6 weeks from May 14th to June 24th. Participants must be 18 years old or older. Entry forms will be available at Mercer Health registration Desk, Mercer County Libraries, or on the Mercer Health and Community Sports and Therapy websites and Facebook pages. All completed forms will need to be submitted by July 1 to be entered in the contest for prizes.

In conjunction with the “Healthy Waves Challenge”, is a summer run/walk kick-off event and shoe expo at Mercer Health inside the meeting rooms on May 14th from 6PM – 8PM. This event will host physical therapy staff from Community Sports and Therapy, healthy eating tips from Nutrition Services, free chair massages and professional shoe fitting and demos from Can’t Stop Running. Please call 419-678-5247 or 419-678-5150 for any questions.

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 lots along Washington Avenue North available for sale and new home construction. For information on all lots available for sale, please contact Randy Bruns at 419-305-1869.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Marion Local FFA annual banquet was held on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. The banquet went well and the FFA greatly appreciates the donations from the annual pie auction. The FFA has trash pick-up around the Marion Community the weekends of April 7th and 14th. Thank you for your service to the community!

The Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15th, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

MULTI-USE PATH

Nick Moeller provided an update on the Marion Community Greenway Project. The Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) District 13, has approved for funding the Marion Township Greenway project with a grant for \$869,500. The Marion Township Greenway project will require local funds of \$305,500. With many generous donations already pledged, local funds committed have reached over \$154,000. This project would not be possible without the generosity and support of many organizations, businesses and people, all which help make this community incredible!

The Marion Community Multi-Use Path committee volunteers are preparing the Marion Township Greenway Founders’ Brick Club pledge program. Be part of the foundation of an incredible project for our community with a minimum commitment of \$100 per year for 5 years. We will mail the pledge forms should the approval process go well, and after the award letter is received. Look for it in the mail this spring.

Mark your calendars for two great bike tour events – the first ever CountryFest Bike Tour is scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The Pac-Man Party in the Park Bike Tour will be held on Sunday, September 29th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Park. More details to follow!

OTHER

The MCDO is continuing to review the feasibility of natural gas in the community. The MCDO is working with Midwest Electric to potentially conduct an engineering study for natural gas. More information will be provided as it becomes available. Please feel free to contact the MCDO with any questions at infrastructure@marioncommunities.com or admin@marioncommunities.com.

The Marion Community Land Development, LLC and has recently purchased 80 acres to the North of the existing Industrial Park for a Phase IV expansion of the Industrial Park. Several buyers have shown interest in the lots. The LLC is also working on the funding and construction of the infrastructure for the expansion. For information on lots available for purchase, please contact Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307.

The MCDO’s Annual Community Address was held on Sunday, March 31st, 2019 at the Maria Stein American Legion. The Distinguished Developer Award was presented to Homan, Inc. and the Distinguished Student Award was presented to Hayden Kremer. The guest speaker for the event was Susan Manchester, Republican Representative of Ohio’s 84th House District. The event was well-attended and we greatly appreciate the continued support from the community!

NEW BUSINESS:

Michelle Clune and John Yoder attended the meeting on behalf of Ohio Business Week to generate interest and support for students at Marion Local. Ohio Business Week is a week-long business camp in Ohio where high school students create a business and practice tackling authentic business challenges. The camp costs are a commitment for students. The MCDO’s mission includes supporting the development of young students in the community. Nick Moeller moved to approve the support the program. Jean Bender seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. After further discussion and the registration deadline quickly approaching for the 2019 camp, the MCDO agreed to fund the entire cost for a Marion Local student to attend. Bob Unrast moved to approve the funding of a student to attend. Nick Moeller seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Shannon Everman will work the Marion Local Staff to coordinate and sponsor the student.

The Marion Local Drama Club recently created a Partnership Program to financially support the events of the Drama Club. Jean Bender moved to approve the support of the Drama Club. Nick Moeller seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS:

Chickasaw – The water tower has been installed in the Industrial Park and the project is continuing to move along.

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 news to report.

Marion Township Park Board – For information or concerns about the park, call Ryan Stucke 419-852-5088.

Marion Local Schools – No new news to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m., with a motion from Bob Unrast and seconded by Bob Dippold. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Thursday, May 16th, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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