



President, Ted Bertke called the December meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on December 10, 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. Ted Bertke seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$236,325

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$204,016
CD's	\$16,164
Savings	\$16,145
Total Assets	\$236,325

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$18,184
General Fund – MCDO	\$29,129
Marion Soccer	\$15,194
Girls' Softball	\$11,039
ML FFA	\$23,610
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$37,407
Boys Baseball	\$20,607
Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,952
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,500
ML Bowling	\$88
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$7,659
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$3,288
Multi-Use Path	\$34,945
Fundamental League	\$723
Total Assets	\$236,325

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Nick Boeckman

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

November 18: John & Nancy Pohlman	December 2: Doug & Deb Ruhenkamp
November 25: Ron & Rose Lochtefeld	December 9: Pat & June Moeller

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 December are:

- \$50 – Dianne Post
- \$30 – Nick & Trisha McClurg
- \$25 – Elaine & Scott Bruns
- \$25 – Jason Wolters

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

The 2020 Membership Drive begins in January! The form is included with the minutes. 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 at Moeller Brew Barn on Saturday, December 28 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM and at the Maria Stein American Legion Hall on Monday, January 6 from 12:00PM - 6:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

12 Holiday Health & Safety Tips

1. Shovel Safely: Take frequent breaks. Warm up before shoveling with light shoveling.
2. Bundle Up: Wear a hat. 40% of body heat is lost from your head.
3. Light your Tree, but not on Fire: Pick a flame retardant tree if artificial.
4. Deck the Halls with Safety: Purchase lights that are tested, rated and stamped with the (UL) label. Only connect 3 set of lights per extension cord.
5. Cook with Care: Don't leave pots and pans unattended on the stove.
6. Celebrate Responsibly: Always have a designated driver available.
7. Prepare and Serve Food Safely: Wash hands before handling food. Throw out perishables that have been sitting out at room temperature for more than 2 hours.
8. Avoid Holiday Heartburn: Give yourself 2-3 hours to digest food before going to bed.
9. Keep Holiday Weight off: Make physical activity a Holiday tradition.
10. Keep Holiday plants away from Children and Pets: Some Holiday plants are harmful if ingested.
11. Spread Cheer, Not Germs! Wash your hands often. Get the flu vaccine if you haven't received it.
12. Don't get Sad: 10 – 20% of Americans suffer from mid seasonal affective disorders (SAD), which results from insufficient exposure to sunlight. Get outside if possible and spend some time in the sun.

Merry Christmas!

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 in Marion Acres, please contact Randy Bruns at 419-305-1869. Marion Township will begin installing nightlights in Marion Acres in the near future.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

Mark Hardesty provided an update on Ag Ed. The Marion Local FFA recently attended the National Convention, attended the Coldwater Leadership Conference, and various tours of area farms. The Ag Ed Boosters are working on a speaker for the winter meeting. They are also looking to incorporate socialization and education into the monthly meetings to enhance networking opportunities.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

MULTI-USE PATH

There have not been any new updates on the Marion Community Greenway Project. With many generous donations already pledged, local funds committed have reached over \$195,000. The timeline for the project is projected to be 2019 Planning Phase, 2020 Land Acquisition Phase, and 2021 Construction Phase. 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 recently sent out 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. Thank you to all those who have returned their pledges!

OTHER

The Marion Community Land Development, LLC owns 80 acres to the North of the existing Industrial Park for a Phase IV expansion of the Industrial Park. Bruns Development was awarded the bid for the infrastructure development. Construction is set to begin after the first of the year. Several buyers have shown interest in and are committed to various lots in the Park. For information on lots available for purchase, please contact Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307.

NEW BUSINESS:

Julia Davis presented information on several job opportunities in 2020 for the U.S. Census. They are looking to hire several thousand in our area. Individuals may be 18 years or older and looking for flexible work schedules. For more information and to apply, visit <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html>.

The annual liability insurance premium and policy was reviewed. Mark Hardesty made a motion to approve payment of the annual policy. 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 – Marion Local Schools is reviewing the option to hire a professional firm to receive feedback and survey the community for thoughts on the school's building and space needs. Marion Local Elementary will be installing a new playground in the Summer of 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m., with a motion from Mark Hardesty and seconded by Jena Bender. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

Board of Directors

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2020 MCDO Membership Form

Business Membership \$60.00 _____		Family Membership \$15.00 _____	
Please indicate if you would like a receipt for tax deduction:		_____	
Name: _____		Date: _____	
Address: _____			
City: _____		State: _____	Zip: _____
Phone: _____		Email: _____ (to be used for minutes distribution)	

Please make checks payable to: Marion Community Development Organization

Please send remittance to: MCDO - PO Box 65 - Maria Stein, OH 45860-0065