



Retired President, Jim Keller called the August meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on August 13, 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. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$182,379

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$152,579
CD's	\$16,039
Savings	\$13,761
Total Assets	\$182,379

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$15,559
General Fund – MCDO	\$31,349
Marion Soccer	\$18,448
Girls' Softball	\$11,039
ML FFA	\$16,836
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$21,786
Boys Baseball	\$16,598
Ag Ed Boosters	\$30,059
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,500
ML Bowling	\$88
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$6,030
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$3,688
Multi-Use Path	\$7,676
Fundamental League	\$723
Total Assets	\$182,379

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Brian Wolters

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

July 15:	Alan & Sandy Heitkamp	August 5:	Glenn & Connie Prenger
July 22:	Dave & Connie Brunswick	August 12:	Dennis & Angie Everman
July 29:	Paul & Amy Knapke		

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 August are:

- \$50 – Carolyn Thobe
- \$30 – Tim & Ann Pohlman
- \$25 – Gary Fortkamp
- \$25 – Kevin & Carol Stucke

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 at the Knights of St John Hall, Maria Stein on Monday, September 9 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. You can register online at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment. If you donate between September 1-30 you are eligible for a free haircut coupon from Sport Clips via email!

Back to School – Promote Healthy Routine's

As you prepare for the start of school, consider adding this to your back-to-school checklist – starting your kids' school sleep routine! All children thrive on a regular bedtime routine. Regular sleep deprivation often leads to some pretty difficult behaviors and health problems – irritability, difficulty concentrating, hypertension, obesity, headaches, and depression. Children who get enough sleep have a healthier immune system, and better school performance, behavior, memory, and mental health.

The American Academy of Pediatrics supports these guidelines, children age 6-12 require 9-12 hours of sleep per 24 hours and teens age 13-18 require 9-12 hours of sleep.

Making sure your children are getting enough sleep will promote a healthy, well-rested start for your child's school year.

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 has been working hard this summer. Matt Elsass spent several days completing supervised agricultural education (SAE) visits, two students attended the Washington Leadership Conference, and the Mercer County Fair held August 9 – 15, 2019 is always a big event for the summer.

Ag Solutions co-hosted an event on August 5, 2019 with Mercer SWCD, Mercer County OSU Extension, Mercer County Farm Bureau and St. Charles Center. The very informative event focused on changing weather patterns in Ohio, overcoming cover crop challenges, no-till farming experiences, and erosion control practices. The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 16, 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 Township has officially received the award letter from the Ohio Public Works Commission! 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. These pledge letters will be sent out in the very near future.

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. Registration for the bike tour is available at www.marioncommunities.com.

OTHER

The MCDO is continuing to review the feasibility of natural gas in the community. 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 discussed the potential need and interest for condo-type housing in the area, specifically for new college graduates wanting to come back to the area and retirees. The challenge is finding available property and the infrastructure is costly. More information to follow as it arises.

In July, Jim Keller resigned as Coordinator and President of the Board. The MCDO Board is seeking a replacement for the position. If anyone is interested in learning more about the position, please contact Shannon Everman at admin@marioncommunities.com or 419-925-5707. Interested parties may also contact Jim Keller at 419-925-4764 to discuss the position.

We are occasionally asked about our finances and the significant total amount posted as assets. Only one posting "General Fund – MCDO" (currently \$31,349) is actually MCDO funds. The rest of the "assets" belongs to various community organizations. The MCDO serves as the financial administrator for these varied groups. The list of organizations that we serve has expanded greatly over the years and we are proud to provide this very valuable service to our community.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will be an Open House in the Industrial Park on Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. This is open to the public and several businesses will be participating and providing information about their operations. A tentative sketch will be available with the 80 acres purchased by the MCLD, LLC as well. Mark your calendars!

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 – No new information to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m., with a motion from Bob Dippold and seconded by Jean Bender. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, Retired President

Board of Directors

Open
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Coordinator: Open

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