



President, Jim Keller called the February meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on February 12, 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. Nick Moeller moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$179,756

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$147,110
CD's	\$15,889
Savings	<u>\$16,757</u>
Total Assets	\$179,756

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$18,070
General Fund – MCDO	\$30,770
Marion Soccer	\$14,040
Girls' Softball	\$5,991
ML FFA	\$17,691
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$21,880
Boys Baseball	\$20,254
Ag Ed Boosters	\$30,519
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,500
ML Bowling	\$218
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$6,550
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$3,688
Multi-Use Path	\$6,826
Fundamental League	\$759
Total Assets	<u>\$179,756</u>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Brian Wolters

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

January 14:	Jesse & Karen Rose	February 4:	Chad & Beth Otte
January 21:	Tom & Sharon Gagel	February 11:	BJ & Susie Everman
January 28:	Doug & Tracy Klosterman		

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 February are:

- \$50 – Kevin & Lona Mescher
- \$30 – Bart Homan
- \$25 – Beck Everman
- \$25 – Darrin & Kim Poeppelman

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

The 2019 Membership Drive is underway and the 2019 Form is included in the minutes. Thank you for your continued support! 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 Maria Stein American Legion on Monday, March 4 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment.

A healthy heart is essential to your well- being.

Each year, heart disease and stroke are responsible for an estimated 17 million deaths worldwide. In the U.S., one out every three deaths is tied to heart disease, and nearly half of adults have some form of cardiovascular disease, including stroke, heart failure and high blood pressure.

But there is good news: Good heart health is a fairly common-sense way of living. Eat a diet rich in fruits, vegetables and whole grains, use spices to season food instead of salt, exercise regularly, minimize stress, and get at least eight hours of sleep every night. Stop smoking, early research suggests that vaping can also increase your risk of stroke or heart attack.

Monitor your blood pressure routinely. Because high blood pressure usually has no symptoms, it can't be detected without being measured. A blood pressure reading of less than 120/80 is considered within the normal range. If you are on BP medication, make sure you are taking your medication routinely as prescribed.

In addition to healthy lifestyle choices, your best bet for keeping your heart healthy, is to visit your family doctor yearly. During your exam, your physician will listen to your heart and discuss with you any changes you need to make in your daily living.

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 National FFA Week is February 16 – 23, 2019. The Marion Local FFA will be hosting a staff and community breakfast for contributors and supporters on Tuesday, February 19th from 7:30-9:00 a.m. in the Marion Local High School Commons.

The Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 18th, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

Nick Moeller provided an update on the Marion Community Greenway Project. The application was submitted and the committee will find out if it was approved later this Spring. The Committee is working on a CountryFest Bike Tour scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Additionally, the Annual Bike Tour is scheduled for Sunday, September 29th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. More details to follow!

The MCDO is continuing to review the feasibility of natural gas in the community. The MCDO was approached by Energy Alliances, an energy consulting and supply company, to determine any potential savings opportunities for the Marion Community. Energy Alliances will negotiate with electric suppliers for aggregated savings and could potentially assist in the natural gas feasibility study. The MCDO is also 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 MCDO is seeking a Business Retention & Development Chairperson. For any recommendations, please contact Jim Keller at 419-925-4764 or Shannon Everman at 419-925-5707.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

The MCDO’s Annual Community Address is scheduled for Sunday, March 31st, 2019 at the Maria Stein American Legion beginning at 11:30 a.m. The Distinguished Developer Award will be presented to Homan, Inc. The guest speaker for the event is Susan Manchester, Republican Representative of Ohio’s 84th House District. The Distinguished Student Award will be announced in the March minutes. RSVP’s to the event can be made by calling Shannon Everman at 419-925-5707 or emailing at admin@marioncommunities.com. Please mark your calendars!

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS:

Chickasaw – The water supply piping for the villages’ new water system is moving along and is currently being installed north along SR 716.

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 – The Board received an update on the Auglaize Mercer Business Education Alliance from Executive Director, Shelley Busse. The annual talent connection forum is scheduled for March 6-7, 2019. This event is for Juniors and Seniors to increase awareness of local job opportunities and connect businesses and student.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m., with a motion from Nick Moeller and seconded by Jean Bender. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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Shannon Everman, Secretary 419-925-5707
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Land Use: Open
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Recreation: Brian Wolters

2019 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***



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