



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 9, 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 Shannon Everman. Bob Dippold moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Mark Hardesty seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS **\$172,217**

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$143,702
CD's	\$16,015
Savings	\$12,500
Total Assets	\$172,217

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$14,850
General Fund – MCDO	\$32,493
Marion Soccer	\$18,088
Girls' Softball	\$3,096
ML FFA	\$16,698
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$21,880
Boys Baseball	\$12,913
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	\$7,111
Fundamental League	\$2,723
Total Assets	\$172,217

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Brian Wolters

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

June 17:	Bill & Janice Nagel	July 1:	Mike & Renee Bertke
June 24:	Ty & Brittany Thobe	July 8:	Gary & Carol Hartings

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 June are:

- \$50 – Dennis Thobe
- \$30 – Todd & Angie Francis
- \$25 – Bill & Viola Homan
- \$25 – Art & Joyce Moeller

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 Montezuma Fire Department on Tuesday, July 30 from 12:00PM-6:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment or go to redcrossblood.org and schedule an appointment online.

Splash into summer with 6 essential pool safety tips!

Is there anything better than spending the sizzling dog days of summer splashing in a pool? Whether at your home, a friend's house or a community pool, swimming is a wonderful way for families to bond and make the most of the hot weather, but it's important not to let the fun overshadow important water safety guidelines.

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death among children ages 1 to 4-years old. According to new data released by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, fatal drownings in the United States are on the rise, with an average of nearly 1 child per day involving children younger than 15 years old each year. As temperatures soar, remember to follow these six important steps while spending time in and around the water.

- Teach children how to swim. When children learn how to swim, they become more comfortable around water and understand important safety rules.
- Never leave a child unattended. If you need to leave, even for a moment – ask another adult to watch your child while you're gone.
- Teach children to stay away from drains. Children's hair, limbs or bathing suits can get stuck in a drain.
- Ask about drain covers. Be proactive and ask to confirm that all pools you visit have adequate drain covers.
- Install proper barriers. If you have a pool or pond, it's important to install proper fences to keep unsupervised children away from accessing the water.
- Learn CPR. Bystanders are often the first to aid a drowning victim, so learning CPR on children and adults can help prepare you to save a life.

These six steps will help you keep your family safer, so you can enjoy the best summer by the pool.

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 is gearing up for the Mercer County Fair to be held August 9 – 15, 2019. The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 15th, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. Greg McGlinch, Graduate Research Associate at The Ohio State University, will be making a presentation on “**Barley in Ohio**”. He will discuss the history of barley, research and how to get involved, basic barley agronomy, and the future of barley in Ohio. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested to learn about the alternative crop. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

MULTI-USE PATH

Nick Moeller was not present to provide 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. This will be sent as soon as the final approval is received from the State.

Thank you to all those who participated in the CountryFest Bike Tour! 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. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

The MCDO sent a letter of appreciation to Nick Wilker and Mike Pohlman for the Chapel Hill Preschool accommodations for the 2019-2020 school year. The Marion Local Schools do a great deal to work with Chapel Hill Preschool and the cooperation is greatly valued!

The MCDO discussed the request for the 6th annual Flyer-Gate sponsorship. Bob Unrast moved to approve sponsoring the event. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

It is with mixed emotions that the MCDO Board accepted Jim Keller’s resignation letter as Coordinator and President of the Board. Jim has spent over 12 years working with the MCDO and has provided much success and support to the organization. The Board wishes Jim much happiness and enjoyment in his retirement! 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.

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 – Marion Township will be installing lights on the new streets in Marion Acres in the near future.

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 9:00 a.m., with a motion from Bob Unrast and seconded by Mark Hardesty. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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