



President, Jim Keller called the June meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 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. Elaine Wolters moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Dippold seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS    **\$171,860**

#### *Asset Allocations*

Checking	\$138,369
CD's	\$15,991
Savings	\$17,500
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$171,860</b>

#### *Funding Allocations*

Recreation Fund	\$18,590
General Fund – MCDO	\$33,330
Marion Soccer	\$13,918
Girls' Softball	\$1,871
ML FFA	\$17,485
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$21,880
Boys Baseball	\$12,612
Ag Ed Boosters	\$30,059
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,500
ML Bowling	\$88
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$6,290
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$3,688
Multi-Use Path	\$6,826
Fundamental League	\$2,723
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$171,860</b>

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

*Committee Chairperson – Brian Wolters*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

May 20:	Kirk & Stacy Stucke	June 3:	Dan & Kelly Koenig
May 27:	Brian & Karla Eckstein	June 10:	Roger & Lynn Ungruhn

### 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](mailto:mariontwppk@gmail.com). The Monthly Park Raffle Winners for June are:

- \$50 – Jared Ranly
- \$30 – Vaughn Ray
- \$25 – Mark & Jenny Ronnebaum
- \$25 – Kurt Dippold

## **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](mailto: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 two local blood drives' during the month of July. The first blood drive will be at the Moeller Brew Barn on Saturday, July 6 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM and the second drive will be at the Knights of St John Hall on Monday, July 8 from 12:00PM – 4:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Practicing Good Nutrition on the Go

We all have a pretty fair idea of what good nutrition is, but our “on the go” culture may mean that common sense often gives way to convenience. However, a bit of planning ahead will ensure that you get the nutrition your body needs.

Every week, plan your upcoming schedule and prepare your grocery list accordingly. Purchase the foods necessary to make meals that can be quickly prepared and for healthy snacks that can be packed ahead of time.

Take time for a balanced breakfast, which provides the necessary energy for a productive day. Eat foods high in protein, such as eggs, low-fat cottage cheese or Greek yogurt, along with a serving of fruit and whole-grain bread or cereal.

If you must grab take-out food, avoid the usual burger and fries. A healthier choice would be a salad with a lean protein like chicken or fish, a vegetable or grilled chicken wrap, or a vegetable- or broth –based soup. And wash it down with water, not sugary soda or sweetened beverages.

Team up with a friend to make nutrition goals, share recipes, exercise and celebrate your successes!

## **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 recently attended the State Convention. The FFA had 2 students receive their state degrees. The FFA has been very busy several projects including the community garden, supporting the Heritage Days, working on the Shop and Crop Display for the Mercer County Fair, and finally some students attending FFA Camp. Enrollment is also up for the 2019-2020 school year. The Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 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. This will be sent as soon as the final approval is received from the State.

Mark your calendars for two great bike tour events – the first ever CountryFest Bike Tour is scheduled for Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The Pac-Man Party in the Park Bike Tour will be held on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:infrastructure@marioncommunities.com) or [admin@marioncommunities.com](mailto: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 members will be looking at options and ideas for a welcome packet for new community members. This will be nice to provide those moving into the community for information about the area.

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:**

On Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, there will be an Open House in the Marion Industrial Park from 12 pm – 4 pm. Following the Open House, there will be a fundraiser for Congressman Warren Davidson, Ohio Representative for the 8<sup>th</sup> District, at the Moeller Brew Barn from 4 pm – 8 pm. Mark your calendars!

The MCDO is looking into setting up a Health Fair for local businesses to promote continued health and wellness in the community. More information to follow as it becomes available!

The MCDO would like to welcome Walnut Hill Feeds to the Marion Community. Walnut Hill Feeds is a full service animal feed store located at 2510 Goettemoeller Road and operated by Kyle Goettemoeller.

Maria Rethman provided an update on Chapel Hill Preschool. The MCDO Board discussed working with the Marion Local Schools for long-term planning of classroom space for the preschool in the event changes would need to occur. The Preschool continues to have good enrollment and appreciates the community support!

The MCDO would like to extend much appreciation to Spencer Homan, son of Bob and Michelle Homan, for his hard work on the fixing the sidewalks in Maria Stein as his Eagle Scout project. Thank you also to all those who have supported Spencer financially and physically in this project. The community will benefit greatly!

*From Above Aerial* approached the MCDO to determine local interest for a Marion Community promotional video. They recently completed a video for the Versailles Community. The MCDO is reviewing the need and use of this service.

The 2018 Form 990 Tax Return was reviewed by the MCDO Board. Mark Hardesty moved to approve the filing of the Form 990. Nick Moeller 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 news to report.

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

**Marion Local Schools** – The School Board voted to proceed with renewing a 1.8 mill 5 year permanent improvement levy. This will be placed on the November ballot to renew the current levy. The Board also approved creating a tax increment financing district cover the industrial park expansion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m., with a motion from Maria Rethman and seconded by Nick Moeller. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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