



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

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS **\$191,673**

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$155,728
CD's	\$15,918
Savings	<u>\$20,027</u>
Total Assets	\$191,673

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$20,940
General Fund – MCDO	\$30,960
Marion Soccer	\$14,003
Girls' Softball	\$9,641
ML FFA	\$24,609
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$21,880
Boys Baseball	\$18,479
Ag Ed Boosters	\$30,519
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,500
ML Bowling	\$119
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$6,750
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$3,688
Multi-Use Path	\$6,826
Fundamental League	\$759
Total Assets	<u>\$191,673</u>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Brian Wolters

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

February 18:	Adam & Jodi Kremer	March 4:	Randy & Linda Bergman
February 25:	Jeff & Lora Pohl	March 11:	Doug & Shelly 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 March are:

- \$50 – Mark Utrup
- \$30 – Ryan Stucke
- \$25 – Craig & Shannon Everman
- \$25 – Nick & Margie Meier

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

Mercer Health now offers Pediatric Weight Management Services

The Mercer Health Weight Management Center now offers pediatric weight management services with the addition of Jennifer Bills, Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.

The pediatric MyHealth program aims to teach children ages 0 to 18 and their families how to create and implement healthy habits, reach healthy weights, and lead more healthy lives. The MyHealth program will help patients and families develop achievable behavioral and dietary goals and create individual action plans. The program offers motivation and support to help build confidence in kids within a safe and inclusive environment. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 419-678-8446.

During National Nutrition Month the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is encouraging families to make informed food choices and develop sound eating and activity habits. If you're concerned about what your child eats, the solution could be as close as your kitchen table. Gathering around the table to eat as a family has all kinds of benefits. Family meals allow parents to be role models who create a supportive environment that promotes healthy eating.

Family meals don't just mean better nutrition. Children of families who regularly eat together also are more likely to have higher intakes of fruits and vegetables and have a healthy weight, and are less likely to have behavior problems or use drugs, cigarettes or alcohol when they get older. Plus, they're closer to their parents. No wonder family meals are on the upswing.

Start your new family meal tradition today by making a commitment to eating at least one meal together each week. Many families look forward to and love their Sunday dinner tradition. Before you know it, family dinner will be a time everyone looks forward to.

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 hosted staff and community breakfast for contributors and supporters on Tuesday, February 19th and had many other activities during FFA week. During the Ag Ed Booster meeting, representatives from the School Board and Administration attended to discuss the building plan and the goals for the Ag Ed Program. The Annual FFA Banquet will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. Several students received a gold rating on their project books and four students were accepted for American Degrees. Congratulations to the continued success in the Marion Local FFA Program!

The Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 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 is 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 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’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 presented to Hayden Kremer, son of Brian & Brenda Kremer. 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!

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board would like to thank Don Rosenbeck for his years of service with the MCDO. Don has stepped aside from his involvement with the MCDO and Board to continue to his service and focus with the Maria Stein Shrine. Much appreciation and best regards to Don!

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS:

Chickasaw – The water tower has been installed in the Industrial Park. The project continues to move along well!

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 – No new news to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m., with a motion from Bob Dippold and seconded by Nick Moeller. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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Land Use: Open
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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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