



Retired President, Jim Keller called the October meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on October 8, 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. Bob Dippold seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS	\$220,504	<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$190,651			Recreation Fund	\$14,599
CD's	\$16,092			General Fund – MCDO	\$30,675
Savings	\$13,761			Marion Soccer	\$17,075
Total Assets	\$220,504			Girls' Softball	\$11,039
				ML FFA	\$18,731
				ML FFA Pork Producers	\$37,743
				Boys Baseball	\$20,715
				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	\$26,839
				Fundamental League	\$723
				Total Assets	\$220,504

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Brian Wolters

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

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| September 16: Dean & Lori Homan | September 30: Dave & Mandy Koenig |
| September 23: Bart & Karen Homan | October 7: Louis & Joan Bohman |

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 October are:

- \$50 – Fred Buening
- \$30 – Joyce Huber
- \$25 – Shelly Bohman
- \$25 – John & Bonnie McFarland

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

Mercer Health now offering Pediatric COPE Program:

Jennifer Bills, a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, is now a licensed COPE provider offering the Creating Opportunities for Personal Empowerment (COPE) program at Mercer Health Pediatrics located at the Galleria in Celina.

One in five adolescents ages 13-18 have or will have a serious mental health condition. The average delay between onset of symptoms and intervention is 8-10 years. "Seeking treatment and being open with health care providers about your feelings and symptoms is crucial for your overall health," Bills said. "Suicide is the second leading cause of death in youth ages 10 to 24 and 90% of those had an underlying mental illness."

COPE is an evidence-based Cognitive Behavioral Skills Building program for children and teens ages 7 to 18 with mild to moderate depression, anxiety or mood disorders unspecified. While medications are helpful if symptoms are the result of a chemical change, learning how to effectively cope and manage thoughts is equally important and that is the goal of the COPE program.

Most importantly as a result of this program, patients and families are taught that there is hope to heal and overcome their challenges. In studies, many caregivers reported positive outcomes for themselves as well.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling 419-586-7940. A referral is not required to schedule an appointment.

Mercer Health strives to offer valuable health and wellness resources to the community. From October to December 2019, they will offer wellness screenings, discounted lab tests, education series and support groups. More information can be found at www.mercer-health.com.

In addition to the regularly scheduled monthly events, Mercer Health will be hosting Fall Fest, a collaborative community health and wellness event for children and adults, on October 19 from 8AM – 11:30AM at Mercer County Community Hospital.

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 next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21, 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 \$195,000. The timeline for the project is projected to be 2019 Planning Phase, 2020 Land Acquisition Phase, and 2021 Construction Phase. 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 recently sent out 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. Thank you to all those who have returned their pledges!

The Marion Township Party in the Park Bike Tour was held on Sunday, September 29th, 2019. Even though the weather did not cooperate as expected, the event was a success! Thank you to all those who attended and supported the event!

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 owns 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 continuing to work on the funding and construction of the infrastructure for the expansion. The goal is to have a final infrastructure layout approved and out for bid by the end of October. For information on lots available for purchase, please contact Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307.

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.

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 8:40 a.m., with a motion from Jean Bender and seconded by Bob Dippold. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Shannon Everman, Administrator

Board of Directors

Open
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Coordinator: Open

Committee Chairpersons

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