



Retired President, Jim Keller called the September meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on September 10, 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 **\$203,317**

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$173,488
CD's	\$16,068
Savings	\$13,761
Total Assets	\$203,317

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$15,159
General Fund – MCDO	\$31,133
Marion Soccer	\$17,569
Girls' Softball	\$11,039
ML FFA	\$16,902
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$42,423
Boys Baseball	\$17,078
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	\$8,926
Fundamental League	\$723
Total Assets	\$203,317

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Brian Wolters

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

August 19: Todd & Carla Fleck	September 2: Tim Albers
August 26: Phil & Anne Thobe	September 9: Jay & Lori Brunswick

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 September are:

- \$50 – Ben & Tess Moeller
- \$30 – Jason Wolters
- \$25 – Gary & Elaine Thobe
- \$25 – Tom Mescher

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.

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, September 16, 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 \$154,000. 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 will be held on Sunday, September 29th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Park. Registration for the bike tour is available at www.marioncommunities.com.

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. 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.

There was an Open House held in the Industrial Park on Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Several businesses participated and provided information about their operations. A tentative sketch was available showing a layout of the 80 acres purchased by the MCLD, LLC. Thank you to all those who attended the successful event!

NEW BUSINESS:

Max Link, a Senior at Marion Local High School, shared his experience at Ohio Business Week from earlier this summer. Max emphasized how this program was a great experience and how the program encouraged problem-solving, diversity engagement, relationship development, and real-life challenges in the business world. The MCDO sponsored his tuition for the program and the positive feedback supports the mission in allowing others students an opportunity to attend!

From Above Aerial re-approached the MCDO for an aerial community video. The MCDO discussed the usefulness for the organization and surrounding communities. It was decided that the MCDO continue to review the value of this service and make a final decision at a later date.

As in years past, the MCDO sponsored the Marion Local Band Boosters for the 45th Midwest Ohio Marching Band Competition to be held on Saturday, October 13th, 2019.

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 – Garmann/Miller Architects-Engineers presented 25-year structural and technological assessments of the high school and middle school. There will be a 1.8 mill, 5 year permanent improvement renewal levy on the November ballot to help cover some of the repairs and replacement costs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m., with a motion from Nick Moeller and seconded by Jean Bender. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, Retired President

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