



President, Ted Bertke called the December meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on December 8, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Building. Meeting minutes that include updates not covered at the meeting were approved as discussed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given by Jean Bender. Bob Dippold moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Nick Moeller seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$248,919

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$209,003
CD's	\$16,510
Savings	\$23,406
Total Assets	\$248,919

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$24,411
General Fund – MCDO	\$31,188
Marion Soccer	\$15,983
Girls' Softball	\$4,436
ML FFA	\$25,462
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$17,833
Boys Baseball	\$18,657
Ag Ed Boosters	\$32,682
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$2,026
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$10,254
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$3,031
Multi-Use Path	\$58,361
Fundamental League	\$2,595
Total Assets	\$248,919

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Nick Boeckman

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

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| November 16: | Dale & Debbie Albers | November 30: | Carl & Linda Koenig |
| November 23: | Don Bernard | December 7: | Jim & RoseAnn Keller |

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 November and December are:

November

- \$50 – Angie Heuker
- \$30 – Greg & Ann Garmann
- \$25 – Neal Homan
- \$25 – Dale Schulze

December

- \$50 – Greg & Jennifer Koesters
- \$30 – Dan & Chris Kramer
- \$25 – PJ & Carla Thobe
- \$25 – Madonna Grieship

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

The MCDO Membership Drive will kickoff in January 2021. Membership for the year is \$15.00 for a family and \$60.00 for a business. You can pay by cash, check or Venmo. The Venmo username is @MarionCommunity-DevelopmentOrg and a screenshot is shown below. Please include “MCDO Membership” in the description.



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 two 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 in Marion Acres, please contact Randy Bruns at 419-305-1869.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Marion Local FFA recently hosted their annual Cheese Sales. The National Convention was held virtually this year along with several other events. The Ag Boosters are looking to continue hosting an annual speaker event in January/February 2021 with Farm Safety as the main topic. There has also been a resurgence of interest in an Ag Facility. The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 21, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

MULTI-USE PATH

The Marion Community Greenway Project is making progress towards land acquisition for construction of the multi-use path. Construction is planned for 2021, and bid notification will be made as soon as land acquisition is complete. The committee has requested funding thru the Ohio Capital Budget, which will help offset the remaining funds needed. The timeline for approval of the Ohio Capital Budget is not known at this time. This project would not be possible without the generosity and support of many organizations, businesses and people, all of which help make this community incredible!

The Bike Path Committee would like to thank all of the attendees and participants of the 2020 Party in the Park in September. The Scavenger Hunt style event sent teams off in different directions and had 9 stops with multiple fun activities throughout, including putt-putt golf, hillbilly golf, the wafer challenge, and more. The generosity of the community continues to shine as we get closer to our fundraising goal to make the 2.1 mile multi-use path a reality.

OTHER

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 and are committed to various lots in the Park. There are only 2 lots available for purchase. For more information, please contact Gary Moeller, Scott Huelsman, or Dan Heitkamp.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mercer County Health Department website has information regarding COVID-19 in regards to any updated quarantine guidance and Mercer County statistics. Please visit <https://mchdohio.org/> for more information.

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 8:25 a.m., with a motion from Nick Moeller and seconded by Jean Bender. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

Board of Directors

Ted Bertke, President	419-852-1072
Shannon Everman, Secretary	419-925-5707
Jean Bender, Treasurer	419-925-4254
Shannon Everman, Coordinator	419-925-5707

Committee Chairpersons

Agricultural Development:	Mark Hardesty, DVM 419-925-4212
Business Retention & Dev.:	Jill Nagel 419-925-9101
Health, Safety & Education:	Elaine Wolters 419-925-4620
Housing:	Bob Unrast 419-925-4151
Infrastructure:	Nick Moeller 619-884-9958
Membership:	Bob Dippold 419-305-0128
Recreation:	Nick Boeckman 937-638-8579

2021 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
Pay by Venmo - Username: @MarionCommunity-DevelopmentOrg
(Please include "MCDO Membership" in Description)



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