



President, Ted Bertke called the November meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on November 10, 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. Elaine Wolters moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Bob Unrast seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$235,866

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$202,240
CD's	\$16,472
Savings	\$17,154
Total Assets	\$235,866

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$17,297
General Fund – MCDO	\$31,377
Marion Soccer	\$16,391
Girls' Softball	\$4,436
ML FFA	\$24,416
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$17,558
Boys Baseball	\$18,657
Ag Ed Boosters	\$32,682
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$2,026
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$7,489
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$3,031
Multi-Use Path	\$55,911
Fundamental League	\$2,595
Total Assets	\$235,866

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Nick Boeckman

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

October 19:	Glenn & Connie Prenger	November 2:	Bill & Jean Garman
October 26:	Dan & Barb Heitkamp	November 9:	Kendra Rose

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 will be listed in the December minutes.

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you for all the members that have turned in their memberships and 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

See Your Family Doctor For a “Change”

We see change happening around us every day... but as we approach the final months of the year, what changes have you seen in yourself over the last year? More importantly, what changes haven't you noticed? Your family physician can tell you what you may be missing.

Developing a relationship with your family physician is very important. With regular visits, your doctor will learn your family history and to understand your “normal”, allowing them to detect early symptoms of conditions you might otherwise overlook... and early detection is key to a healthier lifestyle and lower medical bills.

A wellness visit usually includes measuring your height, weight, blood pressure, and heart rate, and your doctor may also do a physical exam. The visit also is a chance to review healthy and potentially unhealthy lifestyle choices, such as diet, exercise pattern, smoking status, and alcohol use. Beyond these basics, many primary doctors now screen for common behavioral health problems, such as stress, depression, anxiety, and sleep issues.

An annual wellness visit is also an ideal time to discuss the need for specific screening tests. You can have a conversation with your doctor about the benefits and risks of these tests, which helps to make a shared decision about whether and when you should have them. This helps you to be better informed and engaged about your ongoing health care. You owe it to your health to obtain a wellness visit once a year, for your long-term well-being.

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 next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 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 still progressing. With many generous donations already pledged, local funds committed have reached over \$215,000. The timeline for the project is projected to be 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 committee has also recently applied for an Ohio Capital Grant, which will help offset the remaining funds needed. The timeframe for notification of the grant application approval has been pushed back to Fall 2020. It is anticipated that the target request for bid for the construction of the path will now be in October/November 2020.

The Committee appreciates all those who are continuing to support the pledge program for the Marion Township Greenway Project!

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:

In the past, the MCDO has sponsored a student at Marion Local to attend Ohio Business Week. Ohio Business Week is planning to conduct the annual event in 2021 and has reached out to the MCDO for a student sponsorship opportunity. Bob Dippold moved to approve the student sponsorship. Bob Unrast seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. The MCDO will coordinate with Marion Local Schools to determine student participation.

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 – All of the night lights in the Marion Acres have been installed.

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 8:45 a.m., with a motion from Jean Bender and seconded by Bob Unrast. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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