



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

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS	\$230,734	<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$196,797			Recreation Fund	\$18,197
CD's	\$16,423			General Fund – MCDO	\$33,065
Savings	\$17,154			Marion Soccer	\$20,144
Total Assets	\$230,374			Girls' Softball	\$3,836
				ML FFA	\$24,274
				ML FFA Pork Producers	\$21,571
				Boys Baseball	\$18,826
				Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,723
				Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
				ML Bowling	\$2,026
				Marion Industrial Park Association	\$7,489
				Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$3,031
				Multi-Use Path	\$41,597
				Fundamental League	\$2,595
				Total Assets	\$230,374

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Nick Boeckman

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

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| August 17: Sam & Sandy Hartke | August 31: Dan & Janessa Moeller |
| August 24: Craig & Amy Knapke | September 7: Jim Wynn |

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 – Kent & Karen Shaner
- \$30 – Steve Moeller
- \$25 – Kevin & Lona Mescher
- \$25 – Bill & Janice Nagel

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

Flu Season Is Almost Here

Despite the current pandemic, the flu season will begin in the fall as usual and with COVID – 19 continuing to make headlines, some may question the necessity of receiving a flu shot this year. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is highly important that individuals get their flu vaccination this year.

The best time to get a flu shot is September or October, but even January is not too late if the flu is still circulating. The flu vaccine will not prevent COVID – 19 but has many benefits, including reducing the risk of severe illness, and long-term complications.

Both the coronavirus and influenza viruses will likely be spreading this winter and it is possible to have both at the same time, so being vaccinated for the flu can reduce the overall effect of respiratory illness while protecting vulnerable populations. The flu vaccine is recommended for most people over 6 months of age. If you have questions about the influenza vaccine or are unsure if it is safe to receive it, contact your family doctor.

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

Thank you to all those who supported the Marion Local FFA and St. Henry FFA's Pork Producers Stand at the Mercer County Fair!

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room.

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 September Party in the Park will be held on Sunday, September 27th, 2020. There will be a Scavenger Hunt over a 5-mile course around the Maria Stein countryside and return to the Marion Township Park. Bikers and Walkers are welcome! Registration begins at 12:30 and the event starts at 1:00 p.m. There will be a Kid’s Adventure Course at 2:00 p.m. and Kid’s Dance Party at 4:00 p.m. The Browns and Bengals will be on various TV’s throughout the tent. Bring the family for a fun-filled day and support 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 3 lots available for purchase. For more information, please contact Gary Moeller, Scott Huelsman, or Dan Heitkamp.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business to report.

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 8:30 a.m., with a motion from Nick Moeller and seconded by Bob Dippold. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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