



President, Ted Bertke called the August meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on August 11, 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. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS	\$217,519	<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$184,067			Recreation Fund	\$18,617
CD's	\$16,378			General Fund – MCDO	\$33,504
Savings	\$17,074			Marion Soccer	\$20,090
Total Assets	\$217,519			Girls' Softball	\$3,836
				ML FFA	\$24,274
				ML FFA Pork Producers	\$6,662
				Boys Baseball	\$21,747
				Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,723
				Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
				ML Bowling	\$354
				Marion Industrial Park Association	\$7,489
				Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$3,031
				Multi-Use Path	\$41,597
				Fundamental League	\$2,595
				Total Assets	\$217,519

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Nick Boeckman

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

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| July 27: Jerry Zumwald | August 10: Craig & Brooke Moeder |
| August 3: Mark & Lisa Seitz | |

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 August are:

- \$50 – Brian & Marlene Gagel
- \$30 – Diana Heitkamp
- \$25 – Matt Schulze
- \$25 – Walter & Connie Pohlmann

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

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at the Knights of St John Hall, Maria Stein on Monday, September 14 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. To make an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767 or register online at redcrossblood.org.

Exercise Benefits Your Brain, Too

There are many reasons to be physically active, including reduced risk of chronic conditions such as heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. But being physically active can also benefit the brain in ways that protect memory and thinking skills.

The benefits of exercise come directly from its ability to reduce insulin resistance and inflammation, stimulate the growth of new blood vessels in the brain, and help boost the survival rate of new brain cells. Exercise also indirectly benefits the brain by decreasing stress and anxiety, and improving sleep habits.

The American Heart Association recommends at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise per week to maintain good overall health. This amount is adequate to reap the brain-boosting benefits of exercise, too.

Remember to consult your physician before beginning a vigorous physical workout routine.

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

Mark Hardesty provided an update on Ag Ed. The Mercer County Fair begins Friday, August 14, 2020. Please support the FFA Pork Producers at the Mercer County Fair August 14-20, 2020.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2020 in the Ag Ed Room. Please note that there is no meeting in August due to the Mercer County Fair.

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 Summer 2020. It is anticipated that the target request for bid for the construction of the path will be in September 2020.

The September Bike Tour is scheduled for Sunday, September 27, 2020. More information to follow!

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 Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307.

NEW BUSINESS:

The MCDO has a CD renewal in August. Elaine Wolters moved to approve the CD renewal at the highest available rate. Bob Unrast seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

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 – There will be 12 miles of township roads to receive repair later this Spring and Summer.

Marion Township Park Board – For information or concerns about the park, call Ryan Stucke 419-852-5088.

Marion Local Schools – The Re-Opening Plan for 2020-2021 is posted on the school’s website for your information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m., with a motion from Jean Bender and seconded by Bob Unrast. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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