



President, Ted Bertke called the February meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on February 11, 2020 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 Shannon Everman. Mark Hardesty moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$233,532

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$196,485
CD's	\$16,193
Savings	\$20,854
Total Assets	\$233,532

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$21,517
General Fund – MCDO	\$29,097
Marion Soccer	\$14,521
Girls' Softball	\$12,438
ML FFA	\$12,735
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$36,707
Boys Baseball	\$18,873
Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,952
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$309
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$7,825
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$3,688
Multi-Use Path	\$41,147
Fundamental League	\$723
Total Assets	\$233,532

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Nick Boeckman

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

January 20:	Darrin & Kim Poepelman	February 3:	Vic & Patricia Klosterman
January 27:	Vaughn & Kim Ray	February 10:	Ron & Marlene Tuentje

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 February are:

- \$50 – Roger & Lynn Ungruhn
- \$30 – Bill & Teresa Winner
- \$25 – Joe & Renee Hartings
- \$25 – Allen & Teri Spoltman

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

The 2020 Membership Drive is underway! The form is included with the minutes. 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.

HEALTH, SAFETY, & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

The American Red Cross will be at the Maria Stein American Legion Hall on Monday, March 2 from 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule a time to donate blood.

Mercer Health launches 2020 Healthy Community Series

- Mercer Health aims to support all community members in improving or maintaining their health and wellness with free tools, education and resources throughout the year by offering the first annual Healthy Community Series – a series of targeted health and wellness events focusing on different areas of health and wellness. Each event will include free screenings, information and resources.
- The series will kick off on February 27 with a Heart Health Event from 7:00 – 9:00 am at Mercer Health Medical Group at Ft Recovery. Free lipid panels (12 – 14 hour fast recommended), blood pressure checks and heart health information will be available.
- Other opportunities for free wellness screenings including but not limited to height, weight, BMI and body composition, blood pressure, blood sugar and osteoporosis will be available at the Center for Weight & Wellness on the third Wednesday of every month from 9 am to 3 pm.
- More information about the 2020 Healthy Community Series, educational opportunities, support groups and all other outreach events is available at www.mercer-health.com.

February is American Heart Month. Raise awareness about heart health and urge those around you to prevent heart disease. Our Hearts are healthier together!

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 in Marion Acres, please contact Randy Bruns at 419-305-1869. Marion Township will begin installing nightlights in Marion Acres in the near future.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

Mark Hardesty provided an update on Ag Ed. The Marion Local Ag Ed program has a student teacher, Elizabeth Landis. She is an Anna High School Graduate and in her last year at Ohio State finishing a major in Agricultural and Extension Education. She is teaching full time from January to mid-April and is currently coaching the Ag Sales team. She has had multiple agricultural internships including Beck's, Harvestland, Soybean Council and the Teach Ag Ohio campaign.

The Marion Local FFA will kickoff FFA week February 17th - 21st. There are events scheduled throughout the week, including a Tractor Drive-in, Community Breakfast, Silage Bag Painting, Daily Trivia and an Ag Olympics.

The Ag Ed Boosters are hosting an event on Monday, February 17th, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at the Maria Stein American Legion. They will be presenting a 2020 Ag Update and the guest speaker will be Tony Seegers, Director State Policy Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. He will be presenting information on:

- Changes to State and National policies affecting Ag
- Emerging issues in the agricultural industry
- Update on the USMCA trade agreements and tariffs

OLD BUSINESS:

MULTI-USE PATH

There have not been any new updates on the Marion Community Greenway Project. 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 is Spring 2020.

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. Bruns Development was awarded the bid for the infrastructure development. Construction is set to begin after the first of the year. Several buyers have shown interest in and are committed to various lots in the Park. For information on lots available for purchase, please contact Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Annual MCDO Banquet and Community Address is scheduled for Sunday, April 19th, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at the Maria Stein American Legion. The Distinguished Developer Award will be presented to Buschur’s Custom Farm Service, Inc. The Distinguished Student Award and Guest Speaker will be announced in the March minutes. Tickets for the event will be available in later March. Please mark your calendars for the event!

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 8:50 a.m., with a motion from Elaine Wolters and seconded by Mark Hardesty. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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2020 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