



President, Ted Bertke called the July meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on July 21, 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 Shannon Everman. Maria Rethman moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS    **\$224,074**

*Asset Allocations*

Checking	\$195,047
CD's	\$16,354
Savings	\$12,673
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$224,074</b>

*Funding Allocations*

Recreation Fund	\$14,607
General Fund – MCDO	\$34,941
Marion Soccer	\$19,121
Girls' Softball	\$11,748
ML FFA	\$24,969
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$9,662
Boys Baseball	\$19,580
Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,723
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$354
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$7,489
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$3,688
Multi-Use Path	\$41,597
Fundamental League	\$2,595
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$224,074</b>

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### RECREATION COMMITTEE

*Committee Chairperson – Nick Boeckman*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

June 22:	Kevin & Nicole Fleck	July 13:	Greg & Tana Nietfeld
June 29:	Mike & Maria Rethman	July 20:	Tim & Dawn Goodwin
July 6:	Gary & Elaine Thobe		

#### 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](mailto:mariontwppk@gmail.com). The Monthly Park Raffle Winners for July are:

- \$50 – Lucy Hutchinson
- \$30 – Katrina Kremer
- \$25 – Jerry Roeckner
- \$25 – Bob & Patsy Unrast

#### 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](mailto: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*

Mark Hardesty provided an update on Ag Ed. The Mercer County Ag Education Series event held on July 2, 2020 was a success. Mercer County was awarded an Ohio EPA 319 grant in 2018 to restore 2,000 feet of stream to a natural channel design. Natural channel design promotes flood control, improved habitat and increased water quality.

The Ag Boosters met at Winner's Meats for a tour of the new facility on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The FFA was able to send 4 members to an abbreviated FFA Camp this summer. The FFA Officer Retreat was held last week as well. Please support the FFA Pork Producers at the Mercer County Fair to be held 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.

<b>OLD BUSINESS:</b>
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### **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 Committee is working on plans for Sneak Peak into 2021 by taking the tour of the Marion Township Greenway to be held on Saturday, August 1, 2020 in coordination with the Maria Stein American Legion. The tour starts at 11 a.m. at the Maria Stein American Legion, goes to the newest phase of the Marion Industrial Park, to the Marion Township Park, and ending back at the Maria Stein Legion. Additionally, 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 was invited to sponsor the Marion Local Band Boosters with their annual Ohio Marching Band Competition to be held on Saturday, October 10, 2020. Bob Unrast moved to approve the sponsorship. Mark Hardesty seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Shannon Everman reviewed the Tax Return, Form 990 with the MCDO Board. Elaine Wolters moved to approve the 990 as presented. Maria Rethman seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Maria Rethman provided an update on Chapel Hill Preschool. The 2020-2021 school year enrollment is at capacity has a waiting list for additional enrollment. The Preschool is waiting on final requirements from the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services to determine what the classroom setting and allowed student counts will be before finalizing plans for the year.

**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 8:50 a.m., with a motion from Bob Unrast and seconded by Elaine Wolters. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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