



President, Ted Bertke called the June meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on June 16, 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. Mark Hardesty seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS **\$231,847**

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$203,095
CD's	\$16,329
Savings	\$12,423
Total Assets	\$231,847

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$13,977
General Fund – MCDO	\$34,882
Marion Soccer	\$16,792
Girls' Softball	\$13,211
ML FFA	\$12,219
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$36,707
Boys Baseball	\$14,277
Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,723
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$354
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$7,825
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$3,688
Multi-Use Path	\$41,597
Fundamental League	\$2,595
Total Assets	\$231,847

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Nick Boeckman

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

May 11:	Mark & Michelle Ashman	June 1:	Randy Clune
May 18:	Greg & Jennifer Koesters	June 8:	Cory & Kara Ahrens
May 25:	Bob & Martha Pohlman	June 15:	Skip & June Heitbrink

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 June are:

- \$50 – Tony Prenger
- \$30 – John Riethman
- \$25 – Delbert & Velma Thobe
- \$25 – Norman Leugers

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 Knights of St John will be hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Monday, July 20 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or go to redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

Hearing Protection is a Sound Investment

The birds are chirping. The sun is shining. Your lawn is green and lush, which means it's time for a cut. The roar of the lawnmower brings about the first sign of summer fun, but it also is one of the many instances during the season that a person is exposed to hazardous noise.

Hearing loss is preventable, and many audiologists are warning the public to take precautions against excessive noise exposure during summer events such as concerts or firework shows.

While sounds louder than 80 decibels have the potential to cause permanent damage, noise created by fireworks, traffic, concerts and landscaping equipment ranges from 90 to 140 decibels.

Use noise protection like ear plugs when needed. Wearing high-quality earplugs or ear muffs helps protect your ears and your hearing. Never stick anything inside your ear canal. It's important to choose a safe noise protection device that doesn't go too far into your ear canal. Placing items in your ears too far can damage your hearing by puncturing your ear drum or push wax and debris further inside your ear canal causing an uncomfortable build-up. If you suspect any hearing damage consult a professional ear specialist to have your ears checked.

Hearing is one of our senses that we oftentimes take for granted, excessively loud noise, music or other exposure will damage our hearing. We need to take responsibility and protect it.

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.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

Mark Hardesty provided an update on Ag Ed. The Ag Ed Boosters are as follows: Brad Meier – President; Frank Evers – Vice President; Jeff Bruns – Treasurer; Brenda Mescher – Secretary. Several students received State Degrees, but will be awarded at the local level due to restrictions. The Mercer County Fair is still planning to be held as scheduled with some modifications in place. More information will be provided in the near future.

On July 2, 2020, the Mercer County Ag Education Series will present Mercer County Elks Stream Restoration Tour from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Mercer County Elks. To reserve your tour time, please call 419-586-3289 ext. 3. Mercer County was awarded and 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 next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 20, 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 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 the Bike and Walking Path to be held on Saturday, August 1, 2020 in coordination with the Maria Stein American 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. For information on lots available for purchase, please contact Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307.

NEW BUSINESS:

The MCDO sponsored an ad in the Athletic Department Program for the 2020-2021 school year.

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 – No new information to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m., with a motion from Bob Unrast and seconded by Maria Rethman. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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