



President, Ted Bertke called the March meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on March 10, 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. Nick Moeller moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS **\$244,142**

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$205,106
CD's	\$16,238
Savings	\$22,798
Total Assets	\$244,142

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$23,001
General Fund – MCDO	\$31,418
Marion Soccer	\$14,461
Girls' Softball	\$12,946
ML FFA	\$16,986
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$36,707
Boys Baseball	\$20,969
Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,817
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$354
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$7,825
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$3,688
Multi-Use Path	\$41,247
Fundamental League	\$723
Total Assets	\$244,142

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Nick Boeckman

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

February 17:	Dr. Jim & Teresa Schwieterman	March 2:	Tim & Ann Pohlman
February 24:	Bart & Karen Homan	March 9:	Randy & Lynn Stucke

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 March are:

- \$50 – Joe & Shirley Frey
- \$30 – Craig & Amy Knapke
- \$25 – Joe & Karen Thobe
- \$25 – Mark & Jane Fleck

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 Mercer Health on Friday, April 3 from 12:00PM – 5:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Workplace Wellness

Healthy eating is crucial in the prevention and management of overweight and obesity. Consumption of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains helps prevent chronic diseases such as cancer, stroke, and heart disease. Healthy eating also helps improve productivity.

Employees often eat and drink at work; strategies and policies that improve the food culture make sense. For example, employees will eat fruits, vegetables, and whole grain foods if they are available in the cafeteria, vending machines, and at company meetings. Everyone can have healthy behaviors for a few days or weeks. The key is to maintain healthy behaviors for years. As soon as you stop having healthy behaviors, you stop getting the benefits.

When studies go out for two years, the results tend to be more conclusive. If you can get your employees to participate in a good health promotion program, chances are they will adopt and maintain healthy behaviors for years to come.

Many studies show that employees that participate in workplace wellness have better health behaviors. They eat healthier foods, eat smaller portions, exercise more often, smoke less, do not drink in excess and wear seat belts. These behaviors aid in helping to control stress. Workplace health programs can also help alleviate depression and the symptoms of depression as well as improve life satisfaction.

When you offer your employees a well-being program, you are telling them that you respect them, you trust them, and that you want to help them be successful in life. Employees have high employee morale when they are allowed to be creative, solve problems, feel safe and appreciated, develop self-esteem, and achieve personal goals and aspirations. Employees are happy when they have a sense of control over their lives and their health.

Employee well-being programs help employees achieve their needs, both physical, social, and emotional. When it is all said and done, your employees want to feel loved and appreciated; and when they do, really good things happen at work.

Productivity goes up, customer service is outstanding, problems are solved, and people get creative. They like coming to work, they appreciate their employer, they work better with others, and they have high employee morale.

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 Ag Ed Boosters hosted a speaker event on February 17th, 2020. Tony Seegers, Director State Policy Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, presented updates on trade agreements, water quality and ag policies. The Marion

Local FFA has 9 students receiving State Degrees and 1 student receiving an American Degree. The FFA annual banquet will be scheduled at a later date once the emergency situation has passed.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16th, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room.

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 with the hopes of notification in the next couple of weeks. The Committee is working on plans for the CountryFest Bike Tour and the September Bike Tour. 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 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 will be presented to Tom Evers. The Guest Speaker for the event is Jared Ebbing, Mercer County Economic & Development Director. For tickets and RSVP, please contact Shannon Everman at admin@marioncommunities.com or 419-925-5707.

The Marion Local HS Drama Club recently sent out requests to become a Partnership Program Member. Elaine Wolters moved to approve supporting the program. Nick Moeller 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 – No new information to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m., with a motion from Nick Moeller and seconded by Mark Hardesty. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

Board of Directors

Ted Bertke, President	419-852-1072
Shannon Everman, Secretary	419-925-5707
Jean Bender, Treasurer	419-925-4254
Shannon Everman, Coordinator	419-925-5707

Committee Chairpersons

Agricultural Development:	Mark Hardesty, DVM 419-925-4212
Business Retention & Dev.:	Jill Nagel 419-925-9101
Health, Safety & Education:	Elaine Wolters 419-925-4620
Housing:	Bob Unrast 419-925-4151
Infrastructure:	Nick Moeller 619-884-9958
Membership:	Bob Dippold 419-305-0128
Recreation:	Nick Boeckman 937-638-8579



Marion Community Development Organization
Box 65
Marion Stein, OH 45860-0065