



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 16, 2021 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. 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	\$249,094	<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$204,050			Recreation Fund	\$28,951
CD's	\$16,548			General Fund – MCDO	\$39,128
Savings	\$28,496			Marion Soccer	\$15,836
Total Assets	\$249,094			Girls' Softball	\$8,783
				ML FFA	\$30,273
				ML FFA Pork Producers	\$17,833
				Boys Baseball	\$22,737
				Ag Ed Boosters	\$32,682
				Ag Ed Scholarship	\$1,500
				ML Bowling	\$2,084
				Marion Industrial Park Association	\$11,254
				Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$2,937
				Multi-Use Path	\$32,501
				Fundamental League	\$2,595
				Total Assets	\$249,094

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Nick Boeckman

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

February 15:	Larry & Dianne Post	March 8:	Cory & Jenna Albers
February 22:	Dale & Debbie Albers	March 15:	Art & Joyce Moeller
March 1:	Gary & Pam Depweg		

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 will be published in April.

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

The Annual MCDO Membership Drive is continuing. Membership for the year is \$15.00 for a family and \$60.00 for a business. You can pay by cash, check or Venmo. The Venmo username is @MarionCommunity-DevelopmentOrg and a screenshot is shown below. Enter 5010 to confirm the last 4 digits of the phone number. Please include



“MCDO Membership” in the description. 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.

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

The Ag Boosters held their March meeting on the 15th. The Boosters will award the scholarship winners at the Annual FFA Banquet to be held on Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights Hall. Several Seniors will be graduating; however, there are many incoming Freshman to offset the change. The FFA continues to spark interest in the Junior High students.

Ag Solutions Update: A new wetland conservation area project is still on schedule for 2021 in the Grand Lake St. Mary’s watershed. There is also a smaller project scheduled for Spring/Summer 2021 in the watershed as well. Research on the effectiveness of a saturated buffer practice installed in the Grand Lake watershed is ongoing and will continue for the next 2 years. Finally, they are continuing to work on a process that will hopefully be available for Mercer County that could be a real game-changer. Ag Solutions is planning to have an actual meeting again in the Summer 2021. More information to follow!

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

MULTI-USE PATH

The Marion Community Greenway Project was able to complete a portion of the land acquisition. Construction is planned for 2021, and bid notification will be going out on March 18, 2021. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,175,000. The Ohio Public Works Commission’ Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program was awarded

\$869,500 in grant funds in 2019. The committee had requested funding thru the 2021-2022 Ohio Capital Budget, which was recently approved and the Greenway Project will be awarded \$85,000. After the Ohio Capital Budget award is applied, the remaining balance needed for the project is \$39,886. Founders Brick Club Pledges are still being accepted and details can be found at www.marioncommunities.com. This entire project would not be possible without the generosity and support of many organizations, businesses and people, all of which help make this community incredible!

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 2 lots available for purchase. For more information, please contact Gary Moeller, Scott Huelsman, or Dan Heitkamp.

NEW BUSINESS:

The CountryFest Committee is planning to continue with CountryFest as in years past.

The Township trash pick-up will be from April 9 – April 18, 2021 and the dumpster will be at the Township Building.

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 – H.A. Dorsten was chosen as the contractor for the new construction project at the Marion Local Elementary. The plan is to begin construction March 29.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m., with a motion from Jean Bender and seconded by Elaine Wolters. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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