



President, Ted Bertke called the September meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on September 14, 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 Jean Bender. Nick Moeller moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Unrast seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$292,860

Asset Allocations

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| Checking | \$259,417 |
| CD's | \$16,603 |
| Savings | \$16,840 |
| Total Assets | \$292,860 |

Funding Allocations

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| Recreation Fund | \$16,918 |
| General Fund – MCDO | \$35,832 |
| Marion Soccer | \$19,728 |
| Girls' Softball | \$6,597 |
| ML FFA | \$22,770 |
| ML FFA Pork Producers | \$45,558 |
| Boys Baseball | \$17,214 |
| Ag Ed Boosters | \$32,682 |
| Ag Ed Scholarship | \$1,500 |
| ML Bowling | \$1,746 |
| Marion Industrial Park Association | \$11,072 |
| Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund | \$2,078 |
| Multi-Use Path | \$73,853 |
| Fundamental League | \$5,312 |
| Total Assets | \$292,860 |

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kyle Moeller

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

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| August 16: | Ted & Sarah Bergman | September 6: | Chris & Cindy Berning |
| August 23: | Jim & Tammy Moeller | September 13: | Brian Dwenger |
| August 30: | Jesse & Diane Alexander | | |

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 September are:

- Jim & Rose Ann Keller - \$50
- Trent & Erin Huelsman - \$30
- Dale & Lynn Homan - \$25
- Chris & Cindy Berning - \$25

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you to all those who have renewed and signed up for Membership in 2021! Your support is greatly appreciated! 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.

HOUSING

Committee Chairperson – Bob Unrast

The St. Francis housing development south of Chickasaw has four 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

Thank you to all who supported the Pork Producers stand at the Mercer County Fair – it was a huge success this year!

Mark Hardesty provided an update on Ag Solutions. Construction on the Burntwood-Langenkamp Wetland Conservation Area started on September 7th. The Gilliland Nature Preserve Wetland Project is still under construction and excavation work is getting close to starting. The County soils judging contest is Friday, September 17th and all the County Schools are participating. There is an increased interest in two-stage channels. The first one was constructed this summer and another is planned for Summer 2022.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

MULTI-USE PATH

The Founders Brick Pledge Program has almost reached the fundraising goal for the Marion Community Greenway Project. With less than \$20,000 left to raise, we are within reach! Thanks to all who have donated and supported the bike path over the last several years. Construction has begun! You can donate at www.marioncommunities.com.

The Greenway Gala held on Saturday, September 11, 2021 was a success – thank you to all those who attended and volunteered for the event!

The asphalt was placed on the bike path this week and seeding will be the next step towards completion. Once all of the construction is completed, there will be a Grand Opening of the bike path. More details to follow! The Committee is also gathering information to look at a possibility of Phase II of the bike path.

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. There is only one lot available for purchase. For more information, please contact Gary Moeller, Scott Huelsman, or Dan Heitkamp.

NEW BUSINESS

Aaron Broering represented Marion Local at the annual Ohio Business Week this past summer. The event was originally to be held at Ohio University, but had to change to a virtual event. Overall, the event worked out well considering the last minute changes and Aaron was given high praise from Business Week Representatives for his participation and work effort!

One of the MCDO’s CD’s matured and the best rate at this point is the 30-month renewal. Nick Moeller moved to approve the 30-month renewal. Bob Unrast 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 – 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 – The new building project is coming along well. The School has applied for a grant to connect to the Chickasaw Village water system.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 a.m., with a motion from Nick Moeller and seconded by Bob Dippold. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

Board of Directors

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Committee Chairpersons

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| Health, Safety & Education: | Elaine Wolters 419-925-4620 |
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