



President, Ted Bertke called the April meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on April 12, 2022 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. Mark Hardesty seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$268,300

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$236,389
CD's	\$16,669
Savings	\$15,242
Total Assets	\$268,300

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$17,828
General Fund – MCDO	\$39,802
Marion Soccer	\$16,765
Girls' Softball	\$16,514
ML FFA	\$22,931
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$30,068
Boys Baseball	\$21,711
Ag Ed Boosters	\$33,787
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$500
ML Bowling	\$1,975
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$16,469
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,934
Multi-Use Path	\$36,329
Fundamental League	\$5,312
Youth Basketball	\$20
Carthagen Park	\$6,355
Total Assets	\$268,300

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kyle Moeller

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

March 14:	Jim & Tammy Moeller	April 4:	Bob & Martha Pohlman
March 21:	Randy & Joan Heitkamp	April 11:	Ricky & Sarah Moeller
March 28:	John & Nancy Pohlman		

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 April are:

Randy & Ann Schulze - \$50	Kyle Moeller - \$30
Doris Imwalle - \$25	Bob Will - \$25

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

The 2022 Membership 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. 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.



HEALTH, SAFETY, & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Lisa Buschur

With spring coming and in honor of Marion Community's new bike path...

Bicycle Safety Tips

- **Always Wear a Helmet** – It should fit securely and always be buckled to prevent it from slipping.
- **Avoid Loose Clothing** – Loose pants or a shoestring could easily get caught in a wheel and cause a crash.
- **Be Visible at Night** – Wear bright colors and reflective gear or vest, use headlight and taillights.
- **Check Your Equipment** – Before riding make sure your bike is adjusted properly, also check your tires and breaks.
- **Limit Bad Weather** – Rain and icy streets, strong winds, and low visibility can be very dangerous.
- **Be Aware of Car Doors** – Severe injuries can occur by motorists suddenly opening a car door into them.
- **Obey All Traffic Laws** – Ride with traffic- not against it, don't run stop signs or red lights, and stay off sidewalks where prohibited.
- **Watch for Hazards** – Lookout for broken glass, loose gravel, potholes, construction, and yield to pedestrians.
- **Don't Ride Distracted** – Keep both hands on handlebars, avoid headphones and loud music, don't use your phone while riding, and make eye contact with drivers at intersections, stop signs and other dangerous areas.

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 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 FFA and Ag Boosters. The FFA banquet was held on March 15, 2022. There were two students who earned State Degrees and five who earned American Degrees. Theresa Dirksen provided an update on Ag Solutions and her information was very well-received. The FFA's anticipated enrollment for next year is increasing over 20 students! The State Convention will be held virtually in May and 10 students will attend FFA Camp this summer. New officers will be elected on Monday, April 18 at the Ag Ed Boosters meeting.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

MULTI-USE PATH

This spring, signage and trash cans will be installed along the bike path. The bike path committee will continue to listen to the community regarding beautification and improvement projects along the bike path. The opportunity exists to extend the bike path in the future, and the committee will continue to explore those options.

The Greenway Gala is scheduled for September 10th, 2022 in the Marion Township Park. Mark your calendars, and thanks for your support!

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

The Community Achievement Award, formerly known as the Distinguished Developer Award, will be presented in the near future.

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 – No new information to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m., with a motion from Mark Hardesty and seconded by Nick Moeller. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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