



Administrator, Shannon Everman called the combined June/July meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on July 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. Mark Hardesty moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Bob Dippold seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS    \$230,902**

*Asset Allocations*

Checking	\$198,762
CD's	\$16,695
Savings	\$15,445
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$230,902</b>

*Funding Allocations*

Recreation Fund	\$17,906
General Fund – MCDO	\$41,223
Marion Soccer	\$21,269
Girls' Softball	\$441
ML FFA	\$23,243
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$9,623
Boys Baseball	\$12,906
Ag Ed Boosters	\$33,727
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$500
ML Bowling	\$1,975
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$16,469
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,636
Multi-Use Path	\$36,429
Fundamental League	\$7,492
Youth Basketball	\$20
Carthagen Park	\$6,043
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$230,902</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Kyle Moeller*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

May 16:	Todd & Carla Fleck	June 13:	Dan & Kelly Koenig
May 23:	Jerry & Chris Schulte	June 20:	Tom & Jane Feltz
May 30:	Korner Kafe	June 27:	Kevin & Angie Otte
June 6:	Jeff & Jeanna Heitkamp	July 4:	Kevin & Lisa Homan

**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](mailto:mariontwppk@gmail.com). The Monthly Park Raffle Winners for June & July are:

**June**

\$50 – Darrin & Kim Poeppelman  
\$30 – Jim & Rose Ann Keller  
\$25 – Alan & Sandy Heitkamp  
\$25 – Ken Wilker

**July**

\$50 – Josh & Maria Schmitz  
\$30 – Kevin & Lona Mescher  
\$25 – Matt Guggenbiller  
\$25 – Dennis & Mary Wuebker

**MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold*

Thank you for your support in 2022! Memberships help facilitate growth in the community with projects like the expansion of the industrial park. 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*

**988 = 911 for mental health!**

This is a new emergency number for all people experiencing a mental health, suicide, or addiction crisis. Anyone can call 988 for crisis assistance and counseling. This service has existed for many years. The new number was created to help people access assistance much quicker. This number can also be texted if prefer this route of communication.

Final bids have been submitted for the Mercer Health Maria Stein building and are currently accepting subcontractor bids. There has been a lot of interest from local subcontractors for this project. Anticipated groundbreaking will be early October 2022 with completion in Oct 2023.

Jodi Glover CNP has also started seeing patients in Mercer Health Maria Stein with Dr. Kleinhenz.

**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 is attending FFA Camp the week of July 11<sup>th</sup>. Matt Elsass and Sophie Hoelscher are working hard on the Ag and Industrial Arts programs for the 2022-2023 school year. The Ag Boosters toured Tri-Star for their June Ag Boosters meeting and saw how both programs complement each other. Ag Solutions has many projects in the works. Please mark your calendars for the Mercer County Fair to be held August 12 – 18, 2022 and support the FFA Pork Producers stand!

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

## OLD BUSINESS:

### MULTI-USE PATH

The signage is in progress along the bike path. In addition, the Eagle Scouts are working on the trashcans and benches to be installed. 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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

Maria Rethman provided an update on Chapel Hill Preschool. Kylie Moeller will be transitioning to Administrator beginning the 2022-2023 school year. Maria will continue as a teacher and co-administrator. Chapel Hill Preschool recently applied and was approved for the Stabilization Sub Grant for all preschools and daycares to cover losses and improvements required because of COVID-19. Phase 3 of the grant process started July 1, 2022 and the preschool will apply for the final phase of the grant application process as well. There are still 6 openings for the 2022-2023 school year.

The MCDO supported the FlyerGate sponsorship for the upcoming Fall Football season.

Shannon Everman presented the 2021 Tax Form 990 and reviewed the major highlights from the year with the Board. Bob Unrast moved to approve the 2021 Form 990 as presented. Jean Bender seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**BUSINESS ADDITION:** A new local business has opened in Maria Stein. Natalie Rethman, a 2019 Marion Local graduate, has recently opened her new business as a Licensed Massage Therapist and Personal Trainer after receiving her certifications and degree in Exercise Science. Her office is located in the new industrial park at The Edge Sports Complex at 8044 Booster Drive.

Natalie is offering the following services:

- Postural assessments to design specialized exercise programs
- Personal training for people of all ages
- 30 minute and 60 minute massages
- Individual volleyball instruction

As a personal trainer, Natalie's mission is to "help people feel strong, healthy, confident, and most of all, happy! Whether you simply want to get in an exercise routine, build muscle mass, improve balance, seek motivation/accountability, or any other reasons, I can be of assistance. Furthermore, I enjoy playing, watching, and coaching sports, so I have a strong desire for helping athletes with speed and agility strength conditioning to improve their coordination, speed, dynamic flexibility, and mind-body connection."

Natalie's goal as a Massage Therapist is to "ease someone's pain and discomfort by focusing on problem areas and using trigger point therapy or myofascial release. I can work on a number of medical issues that are either chronic or acute. These issues may include: tension headaches, tendonitis, whiplash, TMJ disorder, strains and sprains, repetitive stress injuries from sitting or standing postures, low back pain, frozen shoulder, etc. As an LMT, I am also certified to give full body relaxation massages to relieve stress and tension." You can contact Natalie to schedule an appointment or with any questions or concerns at 567-644-5769 or natalierethman19@gmail.com.

**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 8:47 a.m., with a motion from Nick Moeller and seconded by Maria Rethman. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Shannon Everman, Administrator

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