



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 13, 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. Bob Dippold moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Lisa Buschur seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS    \$290,380**

*Asset Allocations*

Checking	\$253,137
CD's	\$16,717
Savings	\$20,526
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$290,380</b>

*Funding Allocations*

Recreation Fund	\$20,852
General Fund – MCDO	\$41,533
Marion Soccer	\$20,560
Girls' Softball	\$6,692
ML FFA	\$21,650
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$33,873
Boys Baseball	\$17,693
Ag Ed Boosters	\$32,727
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$1,500
ML Bowling	\$1,975
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$16,025
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,254
Multi-Use Path	\$64,927
Fundamental League	\$6,559
Youth Basketball	\$20
Carthagena Park	\$2,540
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$290,380</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Kyle Moeller*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

August 15:	Troy & Tammy Homan	September 5:	Matt & Angie Schoenlein
August 22:	Marcus & Allison Moeller	September 12:	Bill & Donna Elking
August 29:	Ben & Tess Moeller		

**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 September are:

\$50 – Lou Ann Kremer	\$25 – Kevin & Carol Stucke
\$30 – Howie & Sue Heitkamp	\$25 – Bob Will

**Additional Marion Township Park Updates:**

- Annual Soup Party is this Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the park.
- Chicken/Pork Chop Dinners to benefit the Marion Township Park is next Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pick up at the park.
- The park is also working on a large upcoming project. Stay tuned in the next couple months' newsletters for more details.

**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*

- Drive through flu shot clinics are now being scheduled at Mercer Health Medical group locations. Appointments and mask are required and must be scheduled through their primary care office. You must be a current patient. In Maria Stein, Dr Kleinhenz’s office, it will be on Tuesday Oct 4th at 10-12pm and 2-4pm. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 419-925-5104.
- The Mercer County Health District now has the Covid-19 bivalent booster available. They will hold a drive through Covid-19 clinic on October 7th, no appointment necessary. Limited appointments are also available on other days. They will offer the annual Drive-Thru flu shot clinic Tuesday Oct 11th from 9:30-6:00pm. Both clinics will be held at the Mercer County Fairgrounds. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call MCHD at (419)586-3251. Also see their Facebook page for more information.
- Congratulations to the Mercer County Health District for being awarded National Accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board.
- A groundbreaking ceremony will be held Tuesday Oct 11th at 9am for the new Mercer Health Marion Campus located at 8016 Booster Dr. All are welcome to attend.

**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*

Matt Elsass provided an update on the FFA and Ag Boosters. FFA members are getting ready for the county and district soils test. The county contest is operated by Mercer County Soil and Water.

Since the program has two teachers now, we are excited to be adding woodworking, drafting, and mechanics classes to the ag department's curriculum list. Throughout the year we will be growing into are new setup and have high hopes for the future!

The Marion Local FFA is starting a monthly program where they spend time reading an agricultural based children's book to elementary students. We are also doing an after-school craft once a month at daycare discoveries.

Yesterday was our first FFA meeting for the year. We have a chili cook out and welcome our new members to the chapter. Chapter members also learn about which FFA Family they would be in for the year.

The ML Ag Boosters also held an informational meeting at the Moeller Brew Barn on September 13th, complete with food and door prizes. Be on the lookout for similar events from the boosters in the future.

Thank you for supporting the FFA Pork Producers at the 2022 Mercer County Fair!

Mark Hardesty provided an update on Ag Solutions. The Ag Solutions group continues to work on various conservation projects. There are four functional wetlands in the Grand Lake region and include Coldwater Creek, Prairie Creek, Beavercreek, and the Burntwood-Langenkamp wetlands. Plans for the Chickasaw Creek stream restoration and wetlands project are in their final stages. Several volunteers planted 5,000 wetland plants at the Burntwood-Langenkamp Wetland Conservation Area on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**MULTI-USE PATH**

The Greenway Gala was held on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Marion Township Park. Thank you to all who attended as your support is greatly appreciated and the committee looks forward to continuing to grow and improve the bike path. Thank you to all the vendors and volunteers who helped make this event possible!

**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.

The Chickasaw Park Board has recently installed a temporary pickle ball court at the VFW Park. They plan on keeping this through next summer. If the feedback and usage is positive, they will explore the possibility of installing a permanent court.

The Osgood Park Board is looking to redo the diamond at the park this Fall for the Marion Baseball and Softball programs. The sub-committee is looking to make the diamond usable for all age levels, including Pony League with a removable pitcher's mound and hopefully adding batting cages for pre-game warm-ups and practices. The Osgood Park diamond is a great location with the ability to use the lights, allowing additional games to be scheduled here later in the evenings. The sub-committee is looking for donations for the equipment for this Osgood Diamond Project. Please contact Bill Stachler at 937-670-6540 or Nick Beasley at 937-621-7718 for more information.

**VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS:**

**Chickasaw** – No new information to report.

**Chickasaw Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters, call Dianna Gerlach at 419-305-3228.

**Osgood** – No new information to 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 second Community Task Force meeting will be held on Monday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. Thank you to all the volunteers who signed up to be part of the Community Task Force!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m., with a motion from Jean Bender and seconded by Bob Dippold. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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