



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 8, 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. Nick Moeller seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS    \$274,312**

*Asset Allocations*

Checking	\$231,255
CD's	\$16,665
Savings	\$26,392
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$274,312</b>

*Funding Allocations*

Recreation Fund	\$28,428
General Fund – MCDO	\$38,054
Marion Soccer	\$16,544
Girls' Softball	\$15,403
ML FFA	\$20,092
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$30,068
Boys Baseball	\$22,760
Ag Ed Boosters	\$33,787
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$500
ML Bowling	\$2,199
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$16,469
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,934
Multi-Use Path	\$36,387
Fundamental League	\$5,312
Youth Basketball	\$20
Carthagen Park	\$6,355
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$274,312</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Kyle Moeller*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

February 14:	Chad Cramer	February 28:	Bill & Teresa Winner
February 21:	Paul & Rosalee Holdheide	March 7:	Jeff & Nancy Luebke

**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 March are:

Jim & Linda Schwieterman - \$50	Tim & Joyce Moeller - \$30
Troy & Heidi Luebke - \$25	Jeremy & Jill Hess - \$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*

- Mercer Health Medical Group at Maria Stein opened March 1st and located at 8015 Marion Drive (EJ Wynk Construction building). Dr. Heather Kleinhenz is seeing new and current patients at this location. Jodi Grover CNP will also see patients at this location in the near future. The new office number is (419) 925-5104.
- Dr. Jim Schwieterman continues in current location and is now affiliated with Wilson Health, Sidney.
- Mercer Health continues to offer COVID-19 walk in clinics on Tuesdays 9-10am and 5-6pm at the Hospital meeting rooms. This is for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd doses of Moderna vaccine. Booster COVID vaccine clinic is schedule for March 31st 1-6pm and require an appointment by calling 419-678-5395. Mercer County Health Dept. also continues to offer vaccines and booster, call 419-586-3251.
- All entrances of Mercer Health now open.
- March is Red Cross month! The American Red Cross is testing all donations for COVID-19 antibodies for a limited time. Results may indicate an antibody response after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine or possible past exposure to this coronavirus and may identify donations with antibody levels necessary to potentially help COVID-19 patients with a weekend immune system. Only those feeling healthy and well should donate, and appointments are strongly encouraged. Schedule appointment by going to RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

## **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 FFA and Ag Boosters. The FFA just finished with FFA Week where we had our community breakfast. We also conducted a fundraising slushie event where the proceeds went towards the Ronald McDonald House. Students and staff at Marion Local donated \$485 to watch Robby Buschur and Treva Fortkamp have slushies dumped on their heads. In early February, FFA members Allison Dirksen, Ava Evers and Kelsey Bergman participated in the FFA Public Speaking contest. Allison Dirksen placed 2nd at Subdistricts and moved on to the District 5 Contest where she finished 6th. Our FFA banquet is scheduled for March 15th at the Knights Hall. We will install our new officers, recognize student achievement, and listen to Theresa Dirksen talk about the Ag Industries role in water quality.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

## OLD BUSINESS:

### MULTI-USE PATH

This spring, signage 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 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

### **Business Update:**

The month of February was a BIG one for Winner's Meats! In Columbus, the Ohio Association of Meat Processors held their



annual convention and product competition. Meat packers from all over the state came together to enter their products to see how they fare against their competitors. Winner's Meats brought home 9 Ribbons this year for a variety of different products. They received Grand Champion prizes with their Jalapeno Summer Sausage, Big Kahuna Brat and Skin on Slab Bacon. Winner's won Reserve Champion with their Wieners, Rind on Bacon, BBQ Pork Ribs and Bacon Fries. They also received 1st place awards for their BBQ Brisket and Smoked Cajun Sausage. After 94 years & 4 generations, "Quality" is still their number 1 priority, and they are bringing home the Awards and Ribbons to prove it! Stop by any of their three locations to pick up some of the BEST meat in the state! Or check them out at [www.winnersmeats.com](http://www.winnersmeats.com) and have it delivered right to your door. Check out our store locator on

website to find the closest business to you that sells our quality homemade meats.

## 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 8:53 a.m., with a motion from Jean Bender and seconded by Nick Moeller. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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