



President, Ted Bertke called the January meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on January 11, 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 Shannon Everman. Mark Hardesty moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The 2022 Budget was also presented. Mark Hardesty moved to approve the 2022 Budget. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS **\$310,535**

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$267,550
CD's	\$16,643
Savings	\$26,342
Total Assets	\$310,535

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$28,217
General Fund – MCDO	\$34,563
Marion Soccer	\$16,690
Girls' Softball	\$13,822
ML FFA	\$17,731
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$30,068
Boys Baseball	\$21,382
Ag Ed Boosters	\$33,923
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$1,500
ML Bowling	\$1,646
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$17,398
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,934
Multi-Use Path	\$35,862
Fundamental League	\$5,312
Youth Basketball	\$195
Carthagena Park	\$50,292
Total Assets	\$310,535

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kyle Moeller

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

December 20:	Rick & Angie Moeller	January 3:	Randy & Joann Liette
December 27:	Cory & Kara Ahrens	January 10:	Fred & Mary Kremer

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 January are:

Linda & Herb Ranly - \$50	Fred & Denise Kleinhenz - \$30
Andy & Missy Spieth - \$25	Kevin & Sandy Hartings - \$25

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

The 2022 MCDO Membership Drive begins in January. Membership for the year 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. The 2022 membership form is also included in with the minutes.



HEALTH, SAFETY, & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Walters

Mercer Health will be hosting a blood drive on Friday, February 11 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. There will also be a blood drive at the Maria Stein American Legion on Monday, February 28 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please register online at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

Mercer Health Visitor Policy

To ensure the health and safety of patients, their families and staff, Mercer Health has implemented the following guidelines.

- All visitors of Mercer Health will be subject to screening upon entrance to the facility.
- Visitors will be required to wear a mask at all times. There are no exceptions.
- Visitors are encouraged to stay in the room with the patient when possible.
- No visitors under the age of 18, with the exception of immediate household siblings in the Childbirth Center.
- No visitors are allowed in the hospital from 6PM – 7AM, unless accompanying an emergency room, maternity, or pediatric patient.
- Visitors must check out at the screening desk prior to departure.

Entrance

- Visitors should enter on the west side of the hospital by using Entrance #3: West Entrance or Entrance #2: South Entrance.
- Entrance #1: ED Entrance all patients/ visitors will be stopped near registration desk for screening.
- Entrance #4: Remains closed to the public.

Mercer County Health District

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has released a flow chart to help understand the newest quarantine and isolation guidelines. To view this flow chart, please go to www.mchdo.org or coronavirus.ohio.gov.

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. This is the FFA “Busy Season”! The Degree Ceremony is scheduled for the week of January 15th. FFA Week will be held the week of February 21st. The Annual FFA Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15th.

Mark Hardesty provided an update on Ag Boosters. Theresa Dirksen is hosted an Ag Solutions meeting on Monday, January 3rd, 2022. Dr. Douglas Jackson-Smith, OSU provided information on the Livestock Integration Research, Rick Johnson provided an update on Manure Nutrient Recovery Research, Eric Barger provided an update on Bargertech. There are currently eight water quality projects occurring in the Grand Lake Region. The Ag Boosters hosted Jordan Hoewischer of the Ohio Farm Bureau as the guest speaker on Monday, January 10th, 2022 and he provided information on Carbon Credits.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 17, 2022 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 reached its initial pledge goal for Phase I of the Marion Township Greenway, as pledges continue to be donated in the next couple of years. We are still accepting initial pledge donations through December 31st, 2021 to finish the fundraiser, and as we plan for Phase II of the Marion Township Greenway. You can donate at www.marioncommunities.com. Thank you for all 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

2022 MCDO Membership Form

Business Membership \$60.00 _____		Family Membership \$15.00 _____	
Please indicate if you would like a receipt for tax deduction: _____			
Name: _____		Date: _____	
Address: _____			
City: _____		State: _____	Zip: _____
Phone: _____		Email: _____ (to be used for minutes distribution)	

Please make checks payable to: Marion Community Development Organization

Please send remittance to: MCDO - PO Box 65 - Maria Stein, OH 45860-0065

Pay by Venmo - Username: @MarionCommunity-DevelopmentOrg

(Please include “MCDO Membership” in Description)

Matt Elsass presented an idea for a community flag. He offered some design options as well as the corresponding meaning to each of the elements on the flag. The MCDO will continue to explore this opportunity.

Marion Local Schools asked the MCDO to sponsor a Marion Local student for the 2022 Ohio Business Week. Bob Unrast moved to approve the sponsorship. Mark Hardesty 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 – No new information to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m., with a motion from Elaine Wolters and seconded by Bob Unrast. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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