



President, Ted Bertke called the October meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on October 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. Bob Dippold moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Unrast seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS     **\$285,074**

#### *Asset Allocations*

Checking	\$249,826
CD's	\$16,722
Savings	\$18,526
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$285,074</b>

#### *Funding Allocations*

Recreation Fund	\$20,452
General Fund – MCDO	\$40,696
Marion Soccer	\$20,091
Girls' Softball	\$6,892
ML FFA	\$22,526
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$28,653
Boys Baseball	\$22,781
Ag Ed Boosters	\$32,405
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$1,500
ML Bowling	\$1,975
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$16,025
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,254
Multi-Use Path	\$60,215
Fundamental League	\$6,559
Youth Basketball	\$510
Carthage Park	\$2,540
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$285,074</b>

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

*Committee Chairperson – Kyle Moeller*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

September 19: Ted & Nancee Homan  
September 26: Bill & Janice Nagel

October 3: Vic & Patricia Klosterman  
October 10: Steve & Juli Winner

### 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 October are:

\$50 – Imelda Puthoff  
\$30 – Dale & Kate Knapke

\$25 – Elaine Heckman  
\$25 – Joe & Karen Thobe

## **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](mailto:admin@marioncommunities.com) if you have any questions about the status of your membership.

## **HEALTH, SAFETY, & EDUCATION**

*Committee Chairperson – Lisa Buschur*

Update on Mercer County Health Department Levy:

“The November 8, 2022 general election ballot includes a proposed 0.55 mill property tax levy to support continuation of the services and programs offered by the Mercer County Health District. Your local health department not only provides immunizations, inspections and other well-known services, but also conducts disease investigations, health assessments, and health improvement planning to benefit the whole county. If the levy passes, the owner of a \$100,000 property would pay \$19.25 per year to support continued operations while moving to a new location, a move made necessary because the Mercer County Commissioners plan to reallocate the health department's space in the Central Services Building to another county agency.”  
-From Jason Menchhofer, MPH, REHS, Health Commissioner

Mercer Health will be hosting a Fall Health Fair to encourage local participants to “Know Your Numbers.” The event will take place at the Mercer County Community Hospital in Coldwater on two dates: Saturday, October 22 and Saturday, October 29, from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. both days. The event will offer discounted labs and free health screenings. Appointments are required; participants can schedule an appointment directly at this link: <https://cizigbsmeg.timetap.com>. The new Gift Shop at Mercer Health will also be holding their Grand Opening event from 7 to 11 a.m. both days with special deals, discounts, and refreshments.

Congratulations to Kendra Seitz and others who organized the Paint the Pavement Pink walk on Oct 8th. This great event was held to raise awareness, funds, and offer support for those affected by breast cancer. The proceeds were given to Mercer and Auglaize County cancer associations.

## **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 the FFA and Ag Solutions. The Marion Local FFA and the St. Henry FFA will host a tailgate prior to the Marion Local v. St. Henry football game on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. 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, Beaver Creek, and the Burntwood-Langenkamp wetlands. Plans for the Chickasaw Creek stream restoration and wetlands project are in their final stages. Ag Solutions is also collaborating with Wright State

on another grant application that would allow development of more wetlands/natural areas and for WSU to work on developing an algae harvesting/treatment process on the lake.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

### MULTI-USE PATH

Memorial trees will be planted later this month on the North side of the bike path and East of the Mercer Health property.

### 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 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.

**Business Expansion:** Mercer Health held a Groundbreaking Ceremony on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the Industrial Park. Approximately 75 attendees joined the event including local officials, business owners, and community members. Guest



speakers consisted of Lisa Klenke, Mercer Health CEO; Dr. Heather Kleinhenz, Family Physician at Mercer Health Medical Group at Maria Stein; Ted Bertke, Mercer Health Board President and MCDO President; Father Mark Hoying, Marion Catholic Community; and Jon Dingleline, Mercer Health CFO and COO. Construction will begin this Fall and the plan is to open in late 2023. Dr. Heather Kleinhenz will be one of the first occupants of the new building which is located at 8016 Booster Drive, East of Winan's and The Edge.

## 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** – There will be a Community Meeting on Monday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Marion Local Elementary Gym. All are welcome to attend the meeting. Updates will be provided from the previous Task Force meetings and the community will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the direction of the school.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m., with a motion from Nick Moeller and seconded by Mark Hardesty. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building. Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

### **Board of Directors**

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