



President, Ted Bertke called the May meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on May 9, 2023 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 April Treasurer's report was given by Shannon Everman. Mark Hardesty moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Unrast seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS **\$267,337**

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$238,676
CD's	\$16,778
Savings	\$11,883
Total Assets	\$267,337

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$13,271
General Fund – MCDO	\$43,440
Marion Soccer	\$16,913
Girls' Softball	\$2,925
ML FFA	\$25,992
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$10,035
Boys Baseball	\$18,776
Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,345
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$1,538
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$26,282
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,254
Multi-Use Path	\$62,722
Fundamental League	\$5,959
Youth Basketball	\$2,345
Carthage Park – Wuebker Memorial	\$2,540
Total Assets	\$267,337

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kyle Moeller

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

April 17:	Darrin & Kim Poeppelman	May 1:	Trent & Erin Huelsman
April 24:	Jean Thobe	May 8:	Kevin & Lori Albers

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 May are:

- \$50 – Jim Wynn
- \$30 – Phil & Janie Luebke
- \$25 – Ed McClurg
- \$25 – Tony & Linda Broering

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you to all who have supported the MCDO in 2023! Memberships help facilitate growth in the community with projects like the expansion of the industrial park and facilitate youth sports. 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

May is National Stroke Awareness Month and a good time to review the signs and symptoms of a stroke:

- Confusion, including trouble with speaking and understanding.
- Headache, possibly with altered consciousness.
- Numbness of the face, arm, or leg, particularly on one side of the body.
- Trouble with seeing, in one or both eyes.
- Trouble with walking, including dizziness and lack of coordination.

Now is the time of the year to schedule your child's sport physicals. Contact your primary care provider. All Mercer Health providers are providing a comprehensive exam with the sports physicals. There is no charge. However, when applicable, insurance may be billed. The Mercer Health Medical Group in Maria Stein office number is 419-925-5104.

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 Lot number 7 on 8039 Lincoln Ave. in Marion Acres for sale. Please contact Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307 for more information.

RCS Construction has 2 lots, 1841 and 1857 Washington Ave., 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.

Dan Jutte will begin developing the land off of Jackson Street this July/August. Please contact him for more information on available lots.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

Matt Elsass provided an update on the FFA. Congratulations to Ava Evers to being appointed as an Ohio FFA State Officer for 2023-2024. After an extensive application process, she was selected as one of eleven FFA members from across the state to represent Ohio FFA and will serve as Vice President at-large. She will spend the year visiting other FFA chapters, teaching leadership workshops, meeting with legislators and meeting agricultural industry professionals. She will also be a counselor for 2023 Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum. Also at the Ohio FFA State Convention, Marion Local FFA members Maddie Goodwin, Joe Kunk, Owen Siefiring and Ava Evers received their State FFA Degrees. Students earn this by having a Supervised Agricultural Experience that meets certain criteria and exhibits proper record keeping. Members Maddie Goodwin, Owen Siefiring and Rylee Unrast were awarded gold for their secretary, treasurer, and reporter's book respectively. The Chapter was recognized as a Gold Medal Chapter as part of the National Chapter Award Application. This designation was given to thirty-four applying chapters in the state. It is an evaluation of the chapter's program of activities for the entire school year in the areas of growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture. Congratulations to these members and all Marion Local FFA members who work hard to make a difference in their community and better themselves!

Mark Hardesty provided an update on the Ag Solutions front as well. Theresa Dirksen is working through several grant applications for various waterways as well as Clean Ohio in Mercer and Auglaize Counties. The group also has several projects

in the works and further updates about the water quality will be provided throughout the recreation season. Budgetary funding may impact the amount of projects that are completed because of inflation and increased costs.

The next Ag Booster Meeting will be held on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

OTHER BUSINESS:

Allan Kremer presented information and a request for consideration that the MCDO take on Carthagena Park's financial records. Bob Unrast moved to approve the request for consideration. Mark Hardesty seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Allan Kremer provided contact information for the Shelter House at Carthagena Park. This will be a permanent addition to the village reports. For rental information, please contact Nancy Koesters at 419-925-5192.

The MCDO approved support for the 2023-2024 Marion Local Athletic Department program ad.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS:

Carthagena Park Report – For information on renting the shelter house, call Nancy Koesters at 419-925-5192.

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 – No additional information to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m., with a motion from Lisa Buschur and seconded by Bob Unrast. The next MCDO meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.
Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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