



President, Ted Bertke called the September meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization as an informational meeting only due to the attendance resulting in a lack of a quorum. The meeting was held on September 12, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Building.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The month ended August 31, 2023, Treasurer's report is as follows:

		CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$326,286		
<i>Asset Allocations</i>			<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$294,112		Recreation Fund	\$16,065
CD's	\$16,823		General Fund – MCDO	\$40,695
Savings	\$15,351		Marion Soccer	\$21,259
Total Assets	\$326,286		Girls' Softball	\$6,719
			ML FFA	\$22,183
			ML FFA Pork Producers	\$40,777
			Boys Baseball	\$19,259
			Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,345
			Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
			ML Bowling	\$1,538
			Marion Industrial Park Association	\$17,841
			Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,254
			Multi-Use Path	\$79,079
			Fundamental League	\$8,128
			Youth Basketball	\$2,102
			Carthage Park	\$16,042
			Total Assets	\$326,286

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Luke Bertke

The weekly winners of the 301 Club for June and July are as follows:

August 14:	Ron & Rose Lochtefeld	September 4:	Tim Albers
August 21:	Pleiman Landscaping	September 11:	Gary & Pam Depweg
August 28:	Ron & Marlene Tuent		

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 September are:

- \$50 – John & Nancy Pohlman
- \$30 – Dan & Kelly Koenig
- \$25 – Craig & Holly Wolters
- \$25 – Doris Imwalle

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.

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 started land development off Jackson Street. Please contact him at 419-733-0053 for more information on available lots.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

Mark Hardesty provided an update on the FFA and Ag Boosters. On Tuesday, September 12th, the FFA meeting held their 1st meeting of the year at the Chickasaw Shelter House. We welcome our greenhand members and play a game of wiffleball on the diamond.

On Sunday, September 17th, 2023, we will have a petting zoo at the Heritage Days Festival at the Maria Stein Shrine. It will take place from 1:00 – 4:00 pm and will have rabbits, chickens, a donkey, a calf, a goat and a sheep.

On September 15th, 2023, around 40 Marion Local FFA members will be competing at the county soils contest. Then, 8 of the members will move on to the district contest on September 27th.

On September 28th, 2023, the Agronomy, Ag Business, and AFNR classes will travel to West Liberty to participate in a drone spraying demonstration and tour the Marysville Heritage Cooperative facility.

There will be more information provided on the Ag Solutions front in October.

The next Ag Booster Meeting will be held on Monday, September 18th, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chapel Hill Preschool hired Jodi Eckstein as the new Preschool Teacher / Director. We welcome Jodi to the Chapel Hill family!

Thank you to all those who attended the Greenway Gala on September 9th at the Marion Township Park! It was a successful event and especially thank you to all the vendors, entertainment, and volunteers for the exceptional evening!

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 (both the VFW and Ball Diamond), contact Jay Schwieterman at 419-733-6811.

Osgood – No new information to report.

Osgood Park Board Report – For information on renting the park shelters, call Nick Beasley at 937-621-7718.

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.

The next MCDO meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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