



MCDO MISSION STATEMENT

The Marion Community Development Organization (MCDO) is an organization under the laws of the State of Ohio, not-for-profit. The mission of the organization shall be to act as a coordinating body to assist local organizations meet the changing needs of the Marion Community through planned development while maintaining its agricultural profile. The activities will be directed toward, but not limited to, development of infrastructure, housing, family care, education, small business, recreation, and agriculture.

President, Ted Bertke called the June meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order. The meeting was held on June 11, 2024 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 month ended May 31, 2024 Treasurer's report was given by Jean Bender. Bob Dippold moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Mark Hardesty seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$281,669

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$249,821
CD's	\$16,894
Savings	\$14,954
Total Assets	\$281,669

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$16,308
General Fund – MCDO	\$40,594
Marion Soccer	\$20,998
Girls' Softball	\$2,875
ML FFA	\$34,121
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$9,653
Boys Baseball	\$23,595
Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,285
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$854
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$17,125
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,124
Multi-Use Path	\$52,167
Fundamental League	\$7,874
Youth Basketball	\$2,057
Carthage Park	\$19,039
Total Assets	\$281,669

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Luke Bertke

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

- May 20: Jeremy & Jill Hess
- May 27: Brian Dwenger
- June 3: Kevin & Angie Otte
- June 10: Darrin & Kim Poeppelman

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 will be posted next month.

May 2024	June 2024
\$50 – Phil & Janie Luebke	\$50 – Tony & Linda Broering
\$30 – Allen & Teri Spoltman	\$30 – Steve Garman
\$25 – Bob & Patsy Unrast	\$25 – Jay & Joyce Huber
\$25 – Greg & Stacie Homan	\$25 – Nick & Monica Moeller

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

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.

Dan Jutte started land development off Jackson Street. There have been streetlights recently installed. Please contact him at 419-733-0053 for more information on the available lots.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

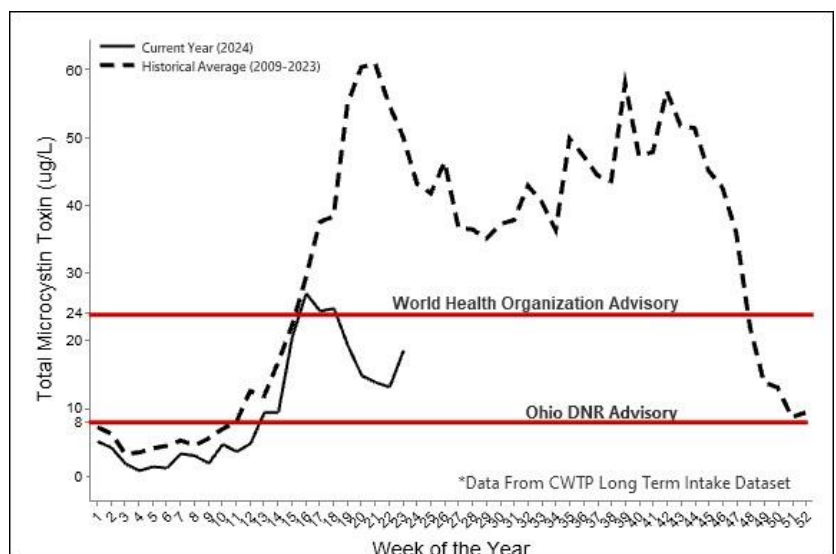
Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

Mark Hardesty provided an update on FFA and Ag Solutions. The FFA will continue a busy summer starting with the Officer Retreat, Home & Job Visits, FFA camp, and finishing up at the Mercer County Fair.

Currently the GLSM lake level is around 5.5 inches above normal pool elevation and the most recent toxin data from the City of Celina’s intake is included.

Phase 3 wetlands at the Wildlife Area are complete along with the Southwest Greenspace project. Once plants are well-established, Theresa’s group will look to add signage and officially open Southwest Greenspace to the public.

The Chickasaw Creek wetland project had about 20 volunteers help plant 3,200 wetland plugs on May 30. We still must complete our tree planting in the fall. This site will also be opened to the public once vegetation is well established and we add some signage.



OTHER BUSINESS:

If anyone is interested in joining the MCDO Board in any capacity, please contact Shannon Everman at admin@marioncommunities.com.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS:

Carthagen 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 – Marion Local Schools was awarded an \$896,000 grant to bring municipal water from the Chickasaw water tower to Marion Local Schools. The total project cost is approximately \$1.2 million, and the school’s portion is approximately \$300,000. The school partnered with Craig Knappe from Access Engineering to make this happen for the school!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m., with a motion from Mark Hardesty and seconded by Bob Dippold. The next MCDO meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

Board of Directors

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