



President, Ted Bertke called the April meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order. The meeting was held on April 9, 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 March 31, 2024 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 **\$299,800**

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$268,766
CD's	\$16,880
Savings	\$14,154
Total Assets	\$299,800

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$16,220
General Fund – MCDO	\$41,054
Marion Soccer	\$17,290
Girls' Softball	\$11,256
ML FFA	\$26,107
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$26,153
Boys Baseball	\$27,907
Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,285
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$854
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$17,671
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,124
Multi-Use Path	\$51,667
Fundamental League	\$8,128
Youth Basketball	\$2,057
Carthage Park	\$19,027
Total Assets	\$299,800

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Luke Bertke

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

April 1:	Norm & Angie Leugers
April 8:	Alan & Sandy Heitkamp

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.

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Membership 2024 is winding down. If you have not already done so, please send in your membership form, information and payment ASAP! 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

Committee Chairperson – Lisa Buschur

Mercer Health's Mercer County Community Hospital was recently named one of the TOP 20 Rural and Community Hospitals in the country. Over 800 hospitals in the United States are included in the rural and community hospitals category and the top 20 represent the top 2.5% of hospitals in the country. Mercer Health's Mercer County Community Hospital is the only hospital in Ohio on the list.

The Mercer Health Marion Campus will now have an urology provider on site. Leslie Johnson PA will see patients on Wednesdays. Call Mercer Health Urology at 419-586-6899 to schedule an appointment.

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. 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



Matt Elsass provided an update on FFA. The FFA Chapter had a successful banquet on March 14th at the Homan Harvest Barn. Many students were recognized and our new officers were installed. They include: Kelsey Bergman (President), Aaron Albers (Vice President), Carly Niekamp (Secretary), Michaela Osterholt (Treasurer), Jozlyn Schlarman (Reporter), Alea Pohlman (Sentinel), Alea Pohlman (Student Advisor), Jenna Broering and Megan Homan (Historians).

FFA members competed in the General Livestock and Dairy Evaluations CDEs. We held our annual tractor drive-in on April 10th. 9 FFA members drove tractors to school and about 30 FFA members were involved in giving a presentation to kindergarteners and 6th graders about tractor safety!



OTHER BUSINESS:

Chapel Hill Preschool will be hiring a part-time aide for the Tuesday/Thursday class for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. For more information please contact Chapel Hill Preschool at chapelhill.ps@gmail.com or 419-925-1102.

The Marion Local Athletic Department recently send out requests for advertisement in the 2024-2025 Sports Programs. Bob Unrast moved to approve the same type of advertisement as last year. Bob Dippold seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The MCDO will be sponsoring Dalton Pohlman to attend Ohio Business Week this year. The 2024 Ohio Business Week will take place at Bowling Green State University June 16 – 21, 2024.

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.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 a.m., with a motion from Bob Dippold and seconded by Bob Unrast. The next MCDO meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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