



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 May meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order. The meeting was held on May 21, 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 April 30, 2024 Treasurer's report was given by Jean Bender. Bob Unrast moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Lisa Buschur seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$299,736

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$267,902
CD's	\$16,880
Savings	\$14,954
Total Assets	\$299,736

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$16,438
General Fund – MCDO	\$41,499
Marion Soccer	\$17,290
Girls' Softball	\$6,867
ML FFA	\$26,691
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$25,653
Boys Baseball	\$28,754
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	\$10,948
Youth Basketball	\$2,057
Carthage Park	\$18,938
Total Assets	\$299,736

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Luke Bertke

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

- April 15: Dean & Jane Brunswick
- April 22: Trina Griesdorn
- April 29: Jason & Abby Bruns
- May 6: Kevin & Katrina Schlarman
- May 13: Charles & Stephanie Schwieterman

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

SPORTS PHYSICALS: Parents are encouraged to schedule sports physicals now with their primary care provider. If you do not have a primary provider, contact Mercer Health at 567-890-MHMD (6463).

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

Matt Elsass provided an update on FFA. The FFA had a successful trip to the State FFA Convention. Carly Niekamp, Lucas Broering, and Michaela Osterholt all received gold ratings on their officers' books and Kelsey Bergman and Lucas Broering received their state degrees. The group toured Wendy's Test Kitchen, Select Sires, and The Ohio State University Plant Pathology department. Over 50 students in the agricultural science program displayed shop projects at the spring arts festival held on May 15th. On May 20th, Greg McGlinch was the guest speaker discussing cover crops and giving an update on the Wright State Lake Campus Agriculture Department.

Mark Hardesty provided an update on Agriculture & Natural Resources from Theresa Dirksen. The GLSM lake level came up rapidly in April and as of now the lake is right about 10 inches above normal pool.

The Phase 3 wetlands project at Mercer Wildlife Area is under construction and this will wrap up all new construction at the Wildlife Area. Southwest Greenspace (old Southbay Motel) is nearly complete with only the pump station/force main/electric to be completed in addition to seeding.

They are still working with Quick Wash manure nutrient recovery process in various aspects. This has been set up at a swine facility in Putnam County this summer where they will be recovering both nitrogen and phosphorus. They are also looking into working with OSU Extension on a field trial with the application of the separated swine nutrients.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The MCDO board agreed to provide a donation to the Osgood State Bank annual FlyerGate to be held in September.

In addition to sponsoring Dalton Pohlman to attend Ohio Business Week this year, the MCDO is also sponsoring Aly Mescher. The 2024 Ohio Business Week will take place at Bowling Green State University June 16 – 21, 2024.

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 – No additional information to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m., with a motion from Bob Unrast and seconded by Jean Bender. The next MCDO meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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