



President, Jim Keller called the June meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on June 12th, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Building. Meeting minutes which include updates not covered at the meeting were approved as discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given by Jean Bender. Mark Hardesty moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Nick Moeller seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS	\$153,947	<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$127,925			Recreation Fund	\$10,896
CD's	\$15,779			General Fund – MCDO	\$36,388
Savings	<u>\$10,243</u>			Marion Soccer	\$12,714
Total Assets	\$153,947			Girls' Softball	\$5,857
				ML FFA	\$15,473
				ML FFA Pork Producers	\$22,059
				Boys Baseball	\$8,061
				Ag Ed Boosters	\$28,835
				Ag Ed Scholarship	\$3,500
				ML Bowling	\$354
				Marion Industrial Park Association	\$4,170
				Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$4,259
				Multi-Use Path	\$622
				Fundamental League	\$759
				Total Assets	\$153,947

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Mitch Thobe

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

May 14:	Nick & Beck Thobe	June 4:	Gary & Carol Hartings
May 21:	Gary & Lisa Bertke	June 11:	Doug & Shelly Hartings
May 28:	Pam Stucke		

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 June are:

- \$50 – Alvin & Donna Bills
- \$30 – Brian Wolters
- \$25 – Dale Schulze
- \$25 – Tyler Speelman

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you to all those who you have supported the MCDO in the 2018 membership drive! Membership for the year is \$15.00 for a family and \$60.00 for a business. 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 – Elaine Wolters

The American Red Cross will be at the Knights of St John, Maria Stein on Monday, July 9 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Tickborne Diseases in Ohio

Diseases spread by ticks are an increasing concern in Ohio and are being reported to the Ohio Department of Health more frequently in the past decade. Lyme Disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever being the most common.

Prevent tick bites and tickborne diseases

The best way to prevent tickborne diseases is to prevent tick bites. In Ohio, tickborne illnesses are most often transmitted between early spring and late fall since ticks are most active in warm months. Take action to decrease your risk of infection: protect against tick bites, check for ticks, remove ticks as soon as you can, and watch for symptoms.

To protect yourself against tick bites, use tick repellents before walking in wooded areas. Also, wear long pants, long sleeves and long socks. Wearing light-colored clothing will help you spot ticks more easily.

Examine your clothing and gear before going indoors. Ticks can ride into the home on clothing, blankets and pets, then attach to a person later, so carefully examine pets, coats and outdoor gear. Placing clothes and blankets in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes will kill ticks on clothing and blankets.

The best way to remove a tick on your body or someone else is to use a fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. Pull the tick away from the skin with steady-even pressure. Wash your hands and the bite area with soap and water. Dispose of a live tick by placing it in alcohol or a sealed bag. Never crush a tick with your fingers.

Many tickborne diseases can have similar signs and symptoms. The most common symptoms include, fever/chills and headache, fatigue and muscle aches. With Lyme disease, you may experience joint pain too. The severity and time of onset of symptoms can depend on the disease and the patient's personal tolerance level.

HOUSING

Committee Chairperson – Bob Unrast

The St. Francis housing development south of Chickasaw has six 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 Lochtefeld Addition in Chapel Hill still has lots available for sale. For more information, call 419-678-4384.

The Woodview Estates subdivision still has lots available for sale. For more information, please contact Jay Ruhenkamp at 937-295-4244.

Heitkamp Developers has four additional lots in Marion Acres for sale. Please contact Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307 for more information.

RCS Construction is planning to expand Marion Acres by continuing Washington Avenue north. RCS has started on the construction of the street. For information on lots available for sale, please contact Randy Bruns at 419-305-1869.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Marion Local FFA will be sending four students to FFA Camp the week of June 18th. The FFA continues to work on their education experience even through the summer months! The FFA is also gearing up for the Mercer County Fair scheduled for August 10th – 16th, 2018.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, June 25th, 2018 at 8:00pm in the Marion Local Ag Ed classroom. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

Nick Moeller provided an update on the Marion Community Multi-Use Path Project. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 26th, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Moeller Brew Barn.

The MCDO held a meeting on Wednesday, May 16th, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. in the Marion Township Building. SR 716 (East side) residents and perspective residents as well as developers and contractors were invited and encouraged to attend. The challenges facing the project continue to be maneuvering the infrastructure, where to properly end the sidewalk and ultimately install a crosswalk to the West side of 716, and the financial impact to residents.

Nick Moeller recently contacted Vectren Energy for the possibility and feasibility of natural gas in the Maria Stein area. Nick has received feedback on the information that would be needed to conduct a feasibility study. Nick has put together an information request form and will work with Shannon Everman to send the information requests to the local businesses.

NEW BUSINESS:

Maria Rethman provided an update for Chapel Hill Preschool. There were 70 students enrolled for the majority of the 2017-2018 School Year and 71 students for the last few months. The Preschool trialed a new fundraiser for the school year and it was very well received. Chapel Hill Preschool will be entering its 27th year in September and there will be some required capital purchases for continued progress. The enrollment for the 2018-2019 is currently at 79 students and there is a waiting list for additional enrollees. The Preschool would like to thank the community for their continued support with its program!

The Industrial Park is continuing to see progress! Moeller Brew Barn has begun construction on its expansion project and hopes to have the project completed in November 2018. The MCDO continues to receive calls on lot availability for businesses as well!

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS:

Chickasaw – No new information to report.

Chickasaw Park Board Report – For information on renting the park shelters, call Kelli Thobe at 419- 925-5810.

Osgood – No new report.

Osgood Park Board Report – For information on renting the park shelters, call Alan Wendel at 419-582-4502.

Marion Township – Paving will soon begin on Indian Trail Road between SR 716 and Huwer Road.

Marion Township Park Board – For information or concerns about the park, call Ryan Stucke 419-852-5088.

Marion Local Schools – No new information to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m., with a motion from Don Rosenbeck and seconded by Maria Rethman. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is set for Tuesday, July 10th, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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