



President, Jim Keller called the May meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on May 16th, 2019 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. Bob Unrast moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$188,384

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$151,426
CD's	\$15,963
Savings	\$20,995
Total Assets	\$188,384

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$22,858
General Fund – MCDO	\$34,677
Marion Soccer	\$13,943
Girls' Softball	\$5,928
ML FFA	\$21,123
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$21,880
Boys Baseball	\$15,475
Ag Ed Boosters	\$30,059
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,500
ML Bowling	\$88
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$6,540
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$3,688
Multi-Use Path	\$6,826
Fundamental League	\$2,799
Total Assets	\$188,384

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Brian Wolters

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

April 15:	Dan & Barb Heitkamp	May 6:	Ron & Vickie Winner
April 22:	Bob Leugers	May 13:	Skip & Lori Homan
April 29:	Ted & Jenny Jones		

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 May are:

- \$50 – Denny & Mary Wuebker
- \$30 – Dale Schwieterman
- \$25 – John & Linda Fleck
- \$25 – Walter Braun

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you for your continued support with the MCDO! 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.

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 has lots along Washington Avenue North available for sale and new home construction. For information on all lots available for sale, please contact Randy Bruns at 419-305-1869.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

The Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20th, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

<h2><u>OLD BUSINESS:</u></h2>

MULTI-USE PATH

Nick Moeller provided an update on the Marion Community Greenway Project. The Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC) District 13, has approved for funding the Marion Township Greenway project with a grant for \$869,500. The Marion Township Greenway project will require local funds of \$305,500. With many generous donations already pledged, local funds committed have reached over \$154,000. This project would not be possible without the generosity and support of many organizations, businesses and people, all which help make this community incredible!

The Marion Community Multi-Use Path committee volunteers are preparing the Marion Township Greenway Founders' Brick Club pledge program. Be part of the foundation of an incredible project for our community with a minimum commitment of \$100 per year for 5 years. We will mail the pledge forms should the approval process go well, and after the award letter is received. Look for it in the mail this spring.

Mark your calendars for two great bike tour events – the first ever CountryFest Bike Tour is scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The Pac-Man Party in the Park Bike Tour will be held on Sunday, September 29th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Park. More details to follow!

OTHER

The MCDO is continuing to review the feasibility of natural gas in the community. The MCDO is working with Midwest Electric to potentially conduct an engineering study for natural gas. More information will be provided as it becomes available. Please feel free to contact the MCDO with any questions at infrastructure@marioncommunities.com or admin@marioncommunities.com.

The Marion Community Land Development, LLC and has recently purchased 80 acres to the North of the existing Industrial Park for a Phase IV expansion of the Industrial Park. Several buyers have shown interest in the lots. The LLC is also working on the funding and construction of the infrastructure for the expansion. For information on lots available for purchase, please contact Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307.

As mentioned in the April meeting minutes, the MCDO approved to sponsor a Marion Local student to attend Ohio Business Week in late July. Ohio Business Week is a week-long business camp in Ohio where high school students create a business and practice tackling authentic business challenges. The MCDO's mission includes supporting the development of young students in the community. The MCDO worked with Marion Local Schools to sponsor Max Link, son of Jeremy and Laura Link. Congratulations Max!

NEW BUSINESS:

The MCDO would like to welcome Jill Nagel as the new Business Retention & Development Chair!

The MCDO Board retroactively approved the sponsorship of the ¼ page ad for the 2019-2020 Athletic Department Program.

The MCDO members will be looking at options and ideas for a welcome packet for new community members. This will be nice to provide those moving into the community for information about the area.

On May 15th, 2019, there was a public meeting held at the Marion Township Building surrounding the new industrial park. Community members and Business owners were encouraged to attend the meeting to discuss ideas about the layout and plans for the area. Much discussion was on the potential for commercial retail and professional development versus heavy industry. The Marion Community Land Development LLC would like to move quickly on finalizing bids for contractors for the infrastructure. If you are interested in development, please contact Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307 as soon as possible.

Ted Bergman has advised us that his property at 8066 Industrial Drive in the Industrial Park is for sale. Call Ted at (419) 925-4963.

The MCDO discussed the potential need and interest for condo-type housing in the area, specifically for new college graduates wanting to come back to the area and retirees. More information to follow as it arises.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS:

Chickasaw – Painting has begun on the water tower in the Industrial Park and the project is continuing to move along.

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 – No new news to report.

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

Marion Local Schools – No new news to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m., with a motion from Jean Bender and seconded by Elaine Wolters. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11th, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Jim Keller, President

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