



President, Ted Bertke called the October meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on October 12, 2021 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 Treasurer's report was given by Jean Bender. Nick Moeller moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Bob Dippold seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS    \$300,271**

*Asset Allocations*

Checking	\$267,314
CD's	\$16,617
Savings	\$16,340
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$300,271</b>

*Funding Allocations*

Recreation Fund	\$18,068
General Fund – MCDO	\$34,676
Marion Soccer	\$18,857
Girls' Softball	\$13,822
ML FFA	\$24,497
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$39,414
Boys Baseball	\$21,422
Ag Ed Boosters	\$33,923
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$1,500
ML Bowling	\$1,646
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$11,072
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$2,078
Multi-Use Path	\$73,984
Fundamental League	\$5,312
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$300,271</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Kyle Moeller*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

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| September 20:    Jeremy & Jill Hess  | October 4:        John (Hot Rod) & Becky Bruns |
| September 27:    Gene & Sharon Evers | October 11:      Mark & Joan Schaefer          |

**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](mailto:mariontwppk@gmail.com). The Monthly Park Raffle Winners for October are:

- Nick & Monica Moeller - \$50
- Steve Wilker - \$30
- Lucy Hutchinson - \$25
- Beck Everman - \$25

## **MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold*

Thank you to all those who have renewed and signed up for Membership in 2021! Your support is greatly appreciated! 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](mailto:admin@marioncommunities.com) if you have any questions about the status of your membership.

## **HEALTH, SAFETY, & EDUCATION**

*Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters*

The Maria Stein American Legion will host a blood drive on Monday, November 8 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment.

**Mercer Health Medical Group Offers Drive Thru Flu Vaccines**

During the month of October, Mercer Health Medical Group will be holding drive thru flu vaccine clinics for established primary care patients. Appointments are required and patients must call their primary care provider's office to schedule.

**Mercer County Health Department Flu Shot Drive-Thru**

The MCHD will be having a Drive-Thru Flu Shot administration on Tuesday, October 19 from 9:30AM – 6:00PM at the Mercer County Fairgrounds. Registration forms are located on the MCHD website.

The MCHD continues to offer the COVID – 19 Vaccine every Friday at the Mercer County Health District office. The Pfizer vaccine is currently offered to anyone 12 years of age or older (minors must have parental consent). Please call 419-586-3251 to ask questions or schedule an appointment. Each person who schedules an appointment is also encouraged to complete the vaccine registration form before visiting the clinic. Please note that the registration form is required for all doses.

## **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 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 two 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 in Marion Acres, please contact Randy Bruns at 419-305-1869.

## **AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty*

Mark Hardesty provided an update on FFA and Ag Boosters. The Ag Boosters received approval to have Garmann Miller complete a site plan for a potential greenhouse and lab storage facility. The FFA starts their annual Cheese Sales today – contact any FFA member for orders. The FFA had 17 students attend the National Convention. New tables were installed in the Ag Room for classroom instruction and labs. A Conservation Science class was added to the curriculum and the class has been well received.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 18, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**MULTI-USE PATH**

The Marion Township Greenway will have a Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, October 16th at 12:00 P.M. to celebrate the opening of the bike path/multi-use path. Please come out on foot or bike or handicap accessible means and enjoy the path. Free Kona Ice available for kids made possible by special donors. The path is awesome! Please help keep it clean and enjoyable for all.

The Founders Brick Pledge program has reached its initial pledge goal for Phase I of the Marion Township Greenway, as pledges continue to be donated in the next couple of years. We are still accepting pledge donations to finish the fundraiser, and as we plan for Phase II of the Marion Township Greenway. You can donate at [www.marioncommunities.com](http://www.marioncommunities.com). Thank you for all your support!

**OTHER**

The Marion Community Land Development, LLC owns 80 acres to the North of the existing Industrial Park for a Phase IV expansion of the Industrial Park. There is only one lot available for purchase. For more information, please contact Gary Moeller, Scott Huelsman, or Dan Heitkamp.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The MCDO was approached for a potential updated community flag to be distributed and displayed throughout the Marion Community. This is just in the beginning phase and more information will follow!

**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** – 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 new information to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m., with a motion from Nick Moeller and seconded by Jean Bender. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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