



Coordinator, Shannon Everman called the August meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on August 10, 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. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$242,504

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$209,075
CD's	\$16,589
Savings	\$16,840
Total Assets	\$242,504

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$17,418
General Fund – MCDO	\$36,033
Marion Soccer	\$21,875
Girls' Softball	\$6,597
ML FFA	\$23,031
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$17,488
Boys Baseball	\$16,043
Ag Ed Boosters	\$32,682
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$1,500
ML Bowling	\$1,746
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$11,168
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$2,768
Multi-Use Path	\$48,843
Fundamental League	\$5,312
Total Assets	\$242,504

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Nick Boeckman

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

- July 26: Dean & Lori Homan
- August 2: Kevin & Lona Mescher
- August 9: Ryan Mescher

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 August are:

- Tom Bernard - \$50
- Darrin & Kim Poeppelman - \$30
- Walter Braun - \$25
- Angie Moeder - \$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 if you have any questions about the status of your membership.

HEALTH, SAFETY, & EDUCATION

Committee Chairperson – Elaine Wolters

The Knights of St John, Maria Stein will be hosting a blood drive on Monday, September 13 from 12:00PM to 6:00PM. Please schedule an appointment online at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

Meal Planning Service

Good nutrition and healthy eating are important factors to keep your body in tip-top shape and are essential to a strong immune system. A well rounded diet, including fiber and healthy fats, fruits and vegetables and nutrient- dense foods are items to include in your diet. One of the most important tools to help you be successful in healthy eating is Meal Planning.

Mercer Health's Center for Healthy Weight & Wellness is offering FREE weekly meal plans and grocery shopping lists to help assist you in building healthy and nutritious meals. Three meal plans can be provided.

- 1) 4-week meal plan for a family of four. Grocery items are based on a family of four, allowing you to adjust it to your family size.
- 2) 2-week school lunch plan. Plan is per child and includes a grocery shopping list.
- 3) 1-week of slow cooker meals. This includes recipes, grocery list and tips to round out your meals.

To receive your free meal plan, register online at myhealth@merc-health.com and click on FREE weekly meal plans. If you have questions, please contact the Center for Healthy Weight & Wellness at myhealth@merc-health.com.

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

The FFA and Ag Boosters are gearing up for the Mercer County Fair, which will be held August 13th – 19th, 2021. The Pork Producers stand is adding hot dogs and breakfast sandwiches this year – please come out and show your support!

Mark Hardesty provided an update on Ag Solutions. The Burntwood-Langenkamp Wetland Conservation Area and Gilliland Nature Preserve Wetland are in progress. Manure Science Review was held at MVP Dairy on August 10th from 10-3. Tours, Demonstrations, and Key Speakers were provided for the event. There is an All Ag Meeting and Banquet Drive Thru scheduled

for Tuesday, September 14th from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Mercer County Fairgrounds. Meal Cost is \$10 and you can RSVP to Mercer SWCD at 419-586-3289 by September 7th.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room (no August meeting due to the Fair). All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

MULTI-USE PATH

The Founders Brick Pledge Program has almost reached the fundraising goal for the Marion Community Greenway Project. With less than \$20,000 left to raise, we are within reach! Thanks to all who have donated and supported the bike path over the last several years. Construction has begun! You can donate at www.marioncommunities.com.

The Greenway Gala is scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Marion Heritage Park woods (Marion Park on St. Johns Rd.) to support the Marion Community Greenway Project. There will be craft beer, wine, and food at the event. Limited tickets are available and tickets are \$50 per person for food and spirits or \$30 per person for food only. Tickets can be purchased online at www.marioncommunities.com.

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 Annual Tax Form 990 was reviewed with the MCDO Board. Bob Unrast moved to approve the 2020 Form 990 as filed. Bob Dippold seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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 – The first day of school is Wednesday, August 25th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m., with a motion from Nick Moeller and seconded by Jean Bender. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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