



President, Ted Bertke called the February meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on February 9, 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 Shannon Everman. Mark Hardesty moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$234,087

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$189,356
CD's	\$16,535
Savings	\$28,196
Total Assets	\$234,087

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$28,501
General Fund – MCDO	\$33,128
Marion Soccer	\$15,865
Girls' Softball	\$7,915
ML FFA	\$24,407
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$17,833
Boys Baseball	\$20,987
Ag Ed Boosters	\$32,682
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$1,500
ML Bowling	\$2,182
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$11,054
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$2,937
Multi-Use Path	\$32,501
Fundamental League	\$2,595
Total Assets	\$234,087

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Nick Boeckman

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

January 25: Alan & Sandy Heitkamp	February 8: Glenn & Ann Griesdorn
February 1: Ryan & Megan Stuck	

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: mariontwpk@gmail.com. The Monthly Park Raffle Winners for February are:

- \$50 – Pat Heitkamp
- \$30 – Randy & Lynn Wolters
- \$25 – Carl & Linda Koenig
- \$25 – Larry & Trudy Moeller

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

The Annual MCDO Membership Drive is continuing. Membership for the year is \$15.00 for a family and \$60.00 for a business. You can pay by cash, check or Venmo. The Venmo username is @MarionCommunity-DevelopmentOrg and a screenshot is shown below. Enter 5010 to confirm the last 4 digits of the phone number. Please include "MCDO Membership" in the description. 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 – Elaine Wolters

The Maria Stein American Legion will be having a blood drive on Monday, March 1 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment or online at redcrossblood.org.

Mercer Health Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic

- Please note the process to register for a COVID-19 vaccination with Mercer Health has changed effective Tuesday February 9.
- Registrations will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Weekly, the registrations will be reviewed and appointments will be scheduled for upcoming vaccination clinics, with priority being given to age. A Mercer Health staff member will call to schedule an appointment when it is your turn to be scheduled for an appointment. Vaccine supply is very limited. Please do not call to inquire about vaccine appointment availability. Again, after you submit your registration please be patient as a staff member will call when it is your turn to be scheduled for an appointment.
- Online Registration : is available any time at <https://mercer-health.com/covid-vaccine-signup>
- Phone Registration: Beginning Thursday, February 11, registration will be available each week day (Monday-Friday), 9 AM – 5 PM, by calling 567-890-7188.
- At this time, individuals 65+ years of age and older are eligible. All individuals must reside in the State of Ohio and Mercer County, unless the recipient is an established patient of Mercer Health.
- To Cancel: If registered and an appointment must be canceled, please call Mercer Health's COVID-19 Hotline at 419-678-5395 for further direction.
- *Other Details*
 - Allow 1 hour for your appointment.
 - All individuals receiving the vaccine will sign a consent form.
 - Additional information regarding vaccines and other COVID related questions are available at <https://mercer-health.com/covid-19-coronavirus-information>.

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 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 Ag Boosters is hosting a speaker on February 15th at 7:00 p.m. Lisa Pfeifer from the Ohio State University Extension office will speak on agricultural health and safety. For anyone interested, please contact FFA Advisor Matt Elsass at elsassm@marionlocal.org or 419-925-4597 x.2306 and he will send the Zoom link for the Ag safety event.

Ag Solutions Update: There has been a lot of research into KDS and Quick Wash technologies that seem to have promise. A new wetland conservation area project is on course for 2021 in the Grand Lake St. Mary's watershed. There is also a smaller project scheduled for Summer 2021 in the watershed as well. Research on the effectiveness of a saturated buffer practice installed in the

Grand Lake watershed is ongoing and will continue for the next 2 years. Finally, they are working on a process that will hopefully be available for Mercer County that could be a real game-changer. More information to follow!

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 15, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

MULTI-USE PATH

The Marion Community Greenway Project was able to complete a portion of the land acquisition. Construction is planned for 2021, and bid notification will be made as soon as all of the land acquisition is completed. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,175,000. The Ohio Public Works Commission's Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program was awarded \$869,500 in grant funds in 2019. The committee had requested funding thru the 2021-2022 Ohio Capital Budget, which was recently approved and the Greenway Project will be awarded \$85,000. After the Ohio Capital Budget award is applied, the remaining balance needed for the project is \$39,886. Founders Brick Club Pledges are still being accepted and details can be found at www.marioncommunities.com. This entire project would not be possible without the generosity and support of many organizations, businesses and people, all of which help make this community incredible!

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. Several buyers have shown interest in and are committed to various lots in the Park. There are only 2 lots available for purchase. For more information, please contact Gary Moeller, Scott Huelsman, or Dan Heitkamp.

NEW BUSINESS:

The MCDO Board made the decision to **cancel** the Annual MCDO Banquet that was scheduled for Sunday, April 11, 2021. Nick Moeller moved to approve this motion. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The intent is continue with the Banquet in 2022.

Support local small businesses! After enjoying a delicious meal at Do Good Restaurant, bring your receipt to Winner's Meats. With a purchase of a meat product and your Do Good receipt, you will be enrolled to win one of their monthly \$25 gift certificates.

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 – Five of the area townships have recently helped purchase a new rescue squad vehicle.

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

Marion Local Schools – Groundbreaking for the new addition to the Elementary School is tentatively the end of March.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m., with a motion from Nick Moeller and seconded by Mark Hardesty. The next scheduled MCDO meeting will be scheduled in March, but will not be on the regularly scheduled 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

Board of Directors

Ted Bertke, President	419-852-1072
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2021 MCDO Membership Form

Business Membership \$60.00 _____		Family Membership \$15.00 _____	
Please indicate if you would like a receipt for tax deduction: _____			
Name: _____		Date: _____	
Address: _____			
City: _____		State: _____	Zip: _____
Phone: _____		Email: _____ (to be used for minutes distribution)	

Please make checks payable to: Marion Community Development Organization

Please send remittance to: MCDO - PO Box 65 - Maria Stein, OH 45860-0065

Pay by Venmo - Username: @MarionCommunity-DevelopmentOrg

(Please include "MCDO Membership" in Description and if prompted, enter 5010 as the 4 digit phone #)



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