



President, Ted Bertke called the May meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on May 11, 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. Bob Dippold moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Mark Hardesty seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$232,062

Asset Allocations

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| Checking | \$202,404 |
| CD's | \$16,562 |
| Savings | \$13,096 |
| Total Assets | <u>\$232,062</u> |

Funding Allocations

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| Recreation Fund | \$14,985 |
| General Fund – MCDO | \$37,866 |
| Marion Soccer | \$16,028 |
| Girls' Softball | \$8,493 |
| ML FFA | \$30,148 |
| ML FFA Pork Producers | \$17,533 |
| Boys Baseball | \$21,369 |
| Ag Ed Boosters | \$32,682 |
| Ag Ed Scholarship | \$1,500 |
| ML Bowling | \$1,746 |
| Marion Industrial Park Association | \$11,654 |
| Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund | \$2,937 |
| Multi-Use Path | \$32,526 |
| Fundamental League | \$2,595 |
| Total Assets | <u>\$232,062</u> |

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Nick Boeckman

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

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| April 19: | Allen & Teri Spoltman | May 3: | Dr. Jim & Teresa Schwieterman |
| April 26: | Ron & Ann Puthoff | May 10: | Trent & Erin Huelsman |

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 and June will be published in June.

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

There will be a blood drive at Mercer Health on Friday, May 28 from 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment or schedule online at redcrossblood.org.

Mercer Health will offer socially distanced babysitting classes in June for children age 11 – 13 years old. The classes teach safety, CPR, First Aid and caring for children and infants. Online registration is available.

The Visitation policy at Mercer Health has been updated. Two adult visitors, meeting all general guidelines and screenings, are now allowed at a time in the intensive and acute care units, pediatrics, surgery, and in the emergency department. Also, two adult visitors and immediate household siblings are permitted in the childbirth center. In end-of-life circumstances, additional visitors may be permitted based on the patient's needs and hospital's ability to provide a safe environment. Clergy also is permitted after proper screening. All other areas are allowing one visitor per visit. All general guidelines remain unchanged, including that people must be screened, wear a mask (no exceptions) and are encouraged to stay in the room with the patient. Visitation is limited to 7 am- 6 pm unless accompanying an emergency, maternity or pediatric patient. No visitors under the age of 18 are allowed, with the exception of immediate household siblings in the childbirth center.

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 FFA has a lot of activity going on! The FFA is constructing and managing a pollinator plot at the West Bank of Grand Lake St. Mary's. Students have been putting up birdhouses, seeding the plot, and identifying and managing weeds. We have been working closely with the wildlife biologists from Pheasants Forever. The dairy evaluation team placed 12th at the state contest back in March. On April 29th, 14 Marion Local FFA members watched convention sessions from the school, participated in a leadership workshop, and listened to 2 speakers from the agricultural industry talk about their careers. Students also made an FFA woodcraft at the end of the day provided by 937 Designs in Anna. The speakers for the day were Cambell Parrish from Farm Credit, Dr. Andy Lefeld from Maria Stein Animal Clinic, and Rob Watercutter from COBA/Select Sires. Mr. Elsass and 7 students will be attending the 5th session of the Ohio FFA Camp in mid-July.

Ag Solutions Update: The manure nutrient recovery project will start at Ivo Post's farm this week. Preliminary data will be expected in the next couple weeks. The Burntwood-Langenkamp Wetland Conservation Area Project is set to go out to bid in June. This is approximately a 90-acre area that will treat water from Burntwood Creek before the water re-enters Coldwater Creek. It will be funded by a \$1.5 million H2Ohio grant. There is also a smaller project scheduled for the existing Mercer County Wildlife Area. Finally, they are continuing to work on a process that will hopefully be available for Mercer County that could be a real game-changer. Manure Science Review is set to be held on August 10, 2021 at MVP Dairy. Ag Solutions is planning to have an actual meeting again in the Summer 2021. More information to follow!

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. 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 \$29,000 left to raise, we are within reach! Thanks to all who have donated and supported the bike path over the last several years. Construction begins Summer 2021. You can donate at www.marioncommunities.com.

The Countryfest Bike Tour will take place at 9 am on Sunday, June 27. There will be a kiddie 2-mile ride, and also a 12 and 25-mile ride. Participation for all ages is FREE. Donations are accepted to help fund the Marion Township Greenway. Join the Fun!

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

Several members of the Industrial Park recently met with Dominion Gas to determine the feasibility of natural gas in the area with all of the industrial park and housing expansions. Dominion Gas agreed to conduct a preliminary study. If you have any interest, please contact us.

The Marion Local Athletic Department recently sent ad request renewals for the sports programs for the 2021-2022 school year. Bob Unrast moved to approve the ad as in years' past. 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 – No new information to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 a.m., with a motion from Bob Unrast and seconded by Bob Dippld. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

Board of Directors

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Committee Chairpersons

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| Agricultural Development: | Mark Hardesty, DVM 419-925-4212 |
| Business Retention & Dev.: | Jill Nagel 419-925-9101 |
| Health, Safety & Education: | Elaine Wolters 419-925-4620 |
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