



President, Ted Bertke called the November meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on November 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 Jean Bender. Bob Dippold moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Elaine Wolters seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$232,123

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$199,162
CD's	\$16,340
Savings	\$16,621
Total Assets	\$232,123

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$18,096
General Fund – MCDO	\$34,027
Marion Soccer	\$17,148
Girls' Softball	\$13,822
ML FFA	\$23,985
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$30,568
Boys Baseball	\$20,862
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	\$17,484
Fundamental League	\$5,312
Carthagen Park	\$600
Total Assets	\$232,123

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kyle Moeller

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

October 18:	PJ & Carla Thobe	November 1:	Mark & Michelle Ashman
October 25:	Jeff & Aubrey Wolters	November 8:	Larry & Laurie Feltz

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 November are:

- Doug & Denise Heitkamp - \$50
- Randy & Ann Schulze - \$30
- Don & Mary Eyink - \$25
- Howard & Marlene Bruggeman - \$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 Moeller Brew Barn will be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Please call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment or go online at RedCrossBlood.org and search for sponsor code: brewbarn. Come give Nov. 24-28 for an exclusive pair of Red Cross holiday socks, limited quantity.

Booster COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Mercer County Community will be administering the COVID-19 Booster vaccine on November 12 & 19. Appointments are required. Please call 419-678-5395 to schedule an appointment. Also, more information about the booster vaccine can be found at www.mercer-health.com.

Walk-In Clinic

Mercer County Community Hospital will continue to have a walk-in clinic every Tuesday from 9-10AM and 5-6PM for the administration of 1st, 2nd and 3rd doses (not booster) of the COVID-19 vaccine –Moderna only. More information can be found at www.mercer-health.com.

Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine (5-11years)

The Mercer County Health Department is scheduling appointments for the administration of the Pediatric COVID-19 vaccine. Please call 419-586-3251, Option 2 to schedule an appointment or for questions.

The MCHD continues to offer the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Booster doses by appointment. Please call 419-586-3251, Option 2, to schedule an appointment or for questions.

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. Once the plan is completed, the Boosters can move forward with ideas for funding the project. The National Convention was a successful event with the students having the opportunity to tour Brookside Labs among various other activities.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 15, 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 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 initial pledge donations through December 31st, 2021 to finish the fundraiser, and as we plan for Phase II of the Marion Township Greenway. You can donate at 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

Carthage Park is a new financial line item starting in November. The MCDO was approached to offer a service to accept donations for a new playground at the Carthage Park in memory of the Wuebker Brothers.

The MCDO Board has decided to change the acknowledgment of an area business in the Spring in lieu of the annual banquet. The award winner will be chosen and highlighted in the Spring newsletter. The newsletter reaches over 1400 mailboxes in and around the Marion Community!

The ODOT recently completed a traffic study on State Route 716 by the new housing additions. In the near future, the speed limit will be 45 mph starting at Ft. Recovery-Minster Road. There will also be additional signage installed and hopefully a flashing speed sign, if approved, to alert drivers of the change to make it safer for those residents to cross SR 716.

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 8:47 a.m., with a motion from Elaine Wolters and seconded by Nick Moeller. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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