



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 8, 2022 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. Bob Unrast seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS    \$280,360**

*Asset Allocations*

Checking	\$245,108
CD's	\$16,726
Savings	\$18,526
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$280,360</b>

*Funding Allocations*

Recreation Fund	\$20,052
General Fund – MCDO	\$39,419
Marion Soccer	\$17,959
Girls' Softball	\$6,892
ML FFA	\$22,296
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$28,227
Boys Baseball	\$20,581
Ag Ed Boosters	\$32,405
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$1,500
ML Bowling	\$1,975
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$16,025
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,254
Multi-Use Path	\$61,522
Fundamental League	\$6,559
Youth Basketball	\$1,154
Carthagen Park	\$2,540
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$280,360</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Kyle Moeller*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

October 17:	Chad & Nicky Hess	October 31:	Trina Griesdorn
October 24:	Craig & Shannon Everman	November 7:	Vaughn & Kim Ray

**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 November are:

\$50 – Dave & Terri Kleinhenz	\$25 – Maria Rethman
\$30 – Ivo & Pam Knapke	\$25 – Pam Stucke

## **MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold*

Thank you for your support in 2022! New 2023 membership forms will be sent out in the December minutes and the Winter Newsletter. Memberships help facilitate growth in the community with projects like the expansion of the industrial park. 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 – Lisa Buschur*

It's not too late to get your flu shot and help fight the flu in our community! Even if you missed area drive thru clinics, you can schedule your flu shot at your primary care provider's office. Appointments are quick and convenient!

If you are in need a primary care provider? Call 567-890-MHMD(6463).

## **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 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 the FFA and Ag Solutions. Scholarship applications will be available in January and are due by March 1. The Moeller Brew barn event began the process of determining new ideas for attracting alumni. They discussed speaker ideas for the November meeting and the January event. The FFA cheese sales fundraiser ended November 4 and the members will deliver the cheese as soon as it arrives. Students have been reading ag related books in the elementary to draw interest in the program and are also visiting the daycare this winter after school to make crafts. Eighteen students were able to attend the National Convention in Indianapolis using their fair incentive money. Students stopped for tours at a Horse Farm in Berne, The Formula I Boat Factory in Decatur, and an Apiary in Martinsburg as a part of National Convention week. Additionally, students are working on proficiency award applications and state degree applications. The FFA is also training a novice Parliamentary Procedure team. The two teachers meet every Friday to coordinate activities and the transition to the new structure is going well.

The Ag Solutions group continues to work on various conservation projects. There are four functional wetlands in the Grand Lake region and include Coldwater Creek, Prairie Creek, Beavercreek, and the Burntwood-Langenkamp wetlands. Plans for the Chickasaw Creek treatment train project's tree clearing is currently out for bid. Ag Solutions is also collaborating with Wright State on another grant application that would allow development of more wetlands/natural areas and for WSU to work on developing an algae harvesting/treatment process on the lake.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**MULTI-USE PATH**

Please watch out for falling leaves and corn fodder on the path!

**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.

The Osgood Park Board is looking to redo the diamond at the park this Fall for the Marion Baseball and Softball programs. The sub-committee is looking to make the diamond usable for all age levels, including Pony League with a removable pitcher’s mound and hopefully adding batting cages for pre-game warm-ups and practices. The Osgood Park diamond is a great location with the ability to use the lights, allowing additional games to be scheduled here later in the evenings. The sub-committee is looking for donations for the equipment for this Osgood Diamond Project. Please contact Bill Stachler at 937-670-6540 or Nick Beasley at 937-621-7718 for more information.

The Modern Mothers of Marion (MMM) believes in fostering the deep roots of our six beautifully interconnected communities. This is a new non-profit organization in the community created with the purpose to promote spiritual, mental, physical, and moral development of our children, the children of our community, and to promote good fellowship among mothers, friends, and families through engagement in civic and philanthropic work. The MMM group is currently hosting an exclusive apparel fundraiser. All proceeds go back to the community. The link for ordering is: <https://www.rbadvertising.com/shop>.

**VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS:**

**Chickasaw** – No new information to report.

**Chickasaw Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters, call Dianna Gerlach at 419-305-3228.

**Osgood** – No new information to 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 8:30 a.m., with a motion from Bob Dippold and seconded by Lisa Bushcur. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building. Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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