



President, Ted Bertke called the August meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on August 9, 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. Lisa Buschur moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Bob Unrast seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$251,052

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$213,883
CD's	\$16,699
Savings	\$20,470
Total Assets	\$251,052

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$21,296
General Fund – MCDO	\$43,061
Marion Soccer	\$22,972
Girls' Softball	\$9,691
ML FFA	\$20,975
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$8,538
Boys Baseball	\$17,855
Ag Ed Boosters	\$32,727
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$1,500
ML Bowling	\$1,975
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$16,025
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,636
Multi-Use Path	\$39,579
Fundamental League	\$7,159
Youth Basketball	\$20
Carthagen Park	\$6,043
Total Assets	\$251,052

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kyle Moeller

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

July 11:	Bernard Masonry	August 1:	Art & Joyce Moeller
July 18:	Steve & Linda Moeller	August 8:	Kent & Joan Topp
July 25:	Kirk & Stacy Stucke		

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:

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| \$50 – Dave & Laura Pleiman | \$25 – Ed Buschur |
| \$30 – Dan & Mary Jo Hess | \$25 – Sam & Sandy Hartke |

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold

Thank you for your support in 2022! 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

Recently The Edge Sport Complex celebrated their 1 year anniversary! The Edge Sports Complex provides the community and surrounding areas an outlet for physical fitness and athletic needs for all ages. They offer instructional rental space for sports teams, clinics and ongoing sporting and fitness activities for all age groups. In addition to the youth programs and clinics, they offer multiple daily fitness classes in their Evolution Room. A new program called Silver Strength for retired individuals meets on Tues and Thursdays at 9:30am. They also host Pickleball on Mon/Weds/Fri mornings at 9:30am. The Edge can be rented for special events as well. They have an event area, The Upper Edge, that seats 80 and has a full kitchen. For more information, see their Facebook page or visit the website at <https://www.theedgesportscomplex.org>.

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 FFA and Ag Boosters. Matt Elsass and Sophie Hoelscher are finalizing the curriculum for the Ag and Industrial Arts programs for the 2022-2023 school year. Please support the FFA Pork Producers at the Mercer County Fair starting Friday, August 12 and running through Thursday, August 18!

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 stream restoration and wetlands project are in their final stages.

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. There will not be an August meeting due to the Mercer County Fair. All are invited to attend!

OLD BUSINESS:

MULTI-USE PATH

The Greenway Gala is scheduled for September 10th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Marion Township Park. There are less than 100 tickets available for the event. If you would like to purchase tickets, contact any bike path committee member or Ben Moeller at 419-852-3189.

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

As a courtesy to the Marion Township Park and Multi-Use Path, please stay off the diamonds and bike path with all motorized vehicles. There has been some recent damage to the baseball diamond at the park and it will take quite some time to fix the unnecessary vandalism.

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 Community Task Force meeting was held on August 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a second meeting scheduled in September.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m., with a motion from Bob Unrast and seconded by Mark Hardesty. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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