



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 10, 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. Nick Moeller moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Dippold seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS    **\$258,253**

*Asset Allocations*

Checking	\$226,338
CD's	\$16,673
Savings	\$15,242
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$258,253</b>

*Funding Allocations*

Recreation Fund	\$17,568
General Fund – MCDO	\$41,516
Marion Soccer	\$16,736
Girls' Softball	\$9,968
ML FFA	\$28,905
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$10,068
Boys Baseball	\$29,949
Ag Ed Boosters	\$33,727
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$500
ML Bowling	\$1,975
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$16,469
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,636
Multi-Use Path	\$36,329
Fundamental League	\$5,312
Youth Basketball	\$20
Carthagen Park	\$7,575
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$258,253</b>

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

*Committee Chairperson – Kyle Moeller*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

April 18:	Jim & Linda Schwieterman	May 2:	Pleiman Landscaping
April 25:	Vern & Anita Kremer	May 9:	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](mailto:mariontwppk@gmail.com). The Monthly Park Raffle Winners for May are:

Ron & Ann Puthoff - \$50	Nick & Marjorie Meier - \$30
Paul & Rosie Holdheide - \$25	Gary & Elaine Thobe - \$25

## **MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold*

The 2022 Membership 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. Please include “MCDO Membership” in the description. 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*

We are excited to report that Mercer Health has announced plans for a new facility in the industrial park. Lisa Klenke and Jon Dingedine presented the plans to the MCDO Board. This 19,000 sq. ft. building will be located off of Booster Drive. They anticipate starting construction this fall with completion in late 2023. Plans include office space for Dr. Kleinhenz and other specialists to use. There will also be a space for a lab and imaging studies. We are very eager to see the construction of this beautiful building and welcome Mercer Health’s investment in our communities!

Mercer Health has recently been recognized at a 2022 Top 100 Rural and Community Hospital by the Chartis Center for Rural Health.

Area doctor offices would like to remind parents to schedule sports physicals soon to avoid the last minute rush. Contact your primary care provider to schedule the physicals.

## **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. The FFA went to the State FFA Convention on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Students toured Pearl Valley Cheese and The Ohio State University Waterman Ag Research Facility. During the convention sessions, members Amanda Homan and Amber Wendel were recognized as State Degree recipients and Maddie Goodwin and Lydia Kelch were recognized for their gold rate officer books. This summer, the FFA will be attending the Washington Leadership Conference and Ohio FFA Camp Muskingham. Ohio State graduate and New Knoxville native Sophie Hoelscher has been hired as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ag Teacher. They are excited to bring Ms. Hoelscher onboard!

The next Ag Ed Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. Alumni Heather Rindler will be speaking about Brookside Labs and her role with the company. All are invited to attend!

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**MULTI-USE PATH**

This spring, signage and trash cans will be installed along the bike path. The bike path committee will continue to listen to the community regarding beautification and improvement projects along the bike path. The opportunity exists to extend the bike path in the future, and the committee will continue to explore those options.

The Greenway Gala is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the Marion Township Park. Mark your calendars, and thanks for 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**

The Marion Local school district is assessing the Master Facility plan that currently includes classrooms, gymnasium, Agricultural Education suite, commons area, locker rooms, weight room, and administration offices to support students occupying the building. We are asking for community members to volunteer to be on a task force to provide input to the Board of Education and administration. This will not be a big time commitment, but just a couple hours for us to discuss facility options and receive our community's feedback. If you are interested please email Mike Pohlman at pohlmanm@marionlocal.org or call at 419-925-4294.

The Marion Local Athletic Department is completing the 2022-2023 Athletic Program. Bob Unrast moved to approve the annual sponsorship ad. Lisa Buschur 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** – Please see above.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m., with a motion from Nick Moeller and seconded by Bob Unrast. The next scheduled MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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