



President, Ted Bertke called the March meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on April 11, 2023 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. Lisa Buschur seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

<i>Asset Allocations</i>		<b>CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$279,742</b>	<i>Funding Allocations</i>	
Checking	\$234,535			Recreation Fund	\$30,353
CD's	\$16,774			General Fund – MCDO	\$37,533
Savings	\$28,433			Marion Soccer	\$16,663
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$279,742</b>			Girls' Softball	\$7,858
				ML FFA	\$26,818
				ML FFA Pork Producers	\$10,035
				Boys Baseball	\$15,997
				Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,345
				Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
				ML Bowling	\$1,538
				Marion Industrial Park Association	\$26,282
				Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,254
				Multi-Use Path	\$62,722
				Fundamental League	\$5,959
				Youth Basketball	\$845
				Carthagen Park	\$2,540
				<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$279,742</b>

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

*Committee Chairperson – Kyle Moeller*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

March 27:	Kyle & Janessa Moeder	April 10:	Ty & Brittany Thobe
April 3:	Jim & Pam Fleck		

### 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 April are:

- \$50 – Gary & Donna Moeller
- \$30 – Fred & Mary Kremer
- \$25 – Kurt Heitkamp
- \$25 – Wes Everman

## **MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE**

*Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold*

Thank you to all who have supported the MCDO in 2023! Memberships help facilitate growth in the community with projects like the expansion of the industrial park and facilitate youth sports. 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*

On April 4th, Ohio passed a new Distracted Driving Law. This gives law enforcement the authority to pull over drivers that are on their phones as a primary offense. This means anyone seen texting, scrolling, or manipulating a cell phone or any electronic device while driving may be pulled over and cited. There are some exceptions to this new law in cases of emergency or if stopped at side of the road or at a red light. Be Safe. Do not text and drive!

Mercer County Joint Township Community Hospital was again named Top 100 Rural and Community Hospital for 2023 - One of only four hospitals in Ohio to be recognized in 2023. They also received this recognition in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2022. Congratulations!

Construction for Mercer Health Marion Campus continues to be on schedule and on budget.

## **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.

Dan Jutte will begin developing the land off of Jackson Street this spring. Please contact him for more information on available lots.

## **AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty*

Matt Elsass and Mark Hardesty both provided an update on the FFA. They are preparing for State Convention on May 4th and 5th. Ava Evers is a candidate for state office and will find out at the convention if she will be an officer next year. Our dairy evaluation and general livestock teams competed at the state preliminary contests. The dairy team finished 14th overall. New officers are:

President: Owen Sieftring

Vice President: Kelsey Bergman

Secretary: Carly Niekamp

Treasurer: Lucas Broering

Reporter: Michaela Osterholt

Asst. Reporter: Alea Pohlman

Sentinel: Joey Kunk

Student Advisor: Aaron Albers

Mark Hardesty provided an update on the Ag Solutions front as well. Theresa Dirksen is working through several grant applications for various waterways as well as Clean Ohio in Mercer and Auglaize Counties. The group also has several projects in the works and further updates about the water quality will be provided throughout the recreation season.

The next Ag Booster Meeting will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**New Business Highlight – Welcome HMS Parts & Service, LLC to the Marion Community:**

HMS Parts & Services, LLC is located in St. Rose / 7354 State Route 119, Maria Stein, OH 45860. HMS is owned and operated by Mitchell Spieth. Mitch offers services for all vehicle types including semi-trucks and trailers, refer unit trailers, trucks and cars. He has a CDL for pickup and drop off of required vehicles. HMS also provides Quick Lube service. Other various service types include plus much more:

***Semi & Trailer***

- ✓ Clutch / Transmission
- ✓ Engine
- ✓ Brakes
- ✓ Tires
- ✓ Electrical
- ✓ Federal Inspections
- ✓ Wetkits
- ✓ Oil Changes & Grease Jobs

***Cars & Trucks***

- ✓ Tires
- ✓ Motor & Transmission Swaps
- ✓ Oil Changes & Inspections
- ✓ School Bus & Box Truck

To contact Mitch for an appointment or for questions, please call 567-644-5731 or hmspartsservices1@gmail.com.

**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** – The Task Force provided a recommendation to the Board for the building project. The Board will need to make a decision by the July Board meeting in order to move forward.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m., with a motion from Mark Hardesty and seconded by Lisa Buschur. The next MCDO meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.  
Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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