



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 8, 2023 at 7:00 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 month ended July 31, 2023 Treasurer's report was given by Jean Bender. Mark Hardesty moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Unrast seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS **\$283,381**

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$251,225
CD's	\$16,805
Savings	\$15,351
Total Assets	\$283,381

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$16,465
General Fund – MCDO	\$41,117
Marion Soccer	\$23,293
Girls' Softball	\$6,599
ML FFA	\$22,208
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$7,717
Boys Baseball	\$14,011
Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,345
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$1,538
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$17,441
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,254
Multi-Use Path	\$72,678
Fundamental League	\$8,128
Youth Basketball	\$2,102
Carthage Park	\$15,485
Carthage Wuebker Memorial	\$0
Total Assets	\$283,381

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kyle Moeller

The weekly winners of the 301 Club for June and July are as follows:

June 19:	Fred & Mary Kremer	July 17:	Mitch & Kate Thobe
June 26:	Willie & Bertie Bruns	July 24:	Ron & Jackie Arling
July 3:	Terry & Lisa Moeller	July 31:	Ron & Ann Puthoff
July 10:	Kevin & Katrina Schlarman	August 7:	Brian & Kylee Seitz

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:

- \$50 – Andy & Missy Spieth
- \$30 – Jon & Patti Thobe
- \$25 – Marv & Carol Tuente
- \$25 – Gary Mescher

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

There will be a blood drive at the Mercer County Fairgrounds on Friday, August 11 from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. There are still timeslots available to donate. Sign up today at: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>.

The Mercer Health Marion Campus building is on schedule with a projected completion date of November 2023. The MCDO Board was able to take a tour on Tuesday and this will be a great addition to the community!

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 Lot number 7 on 8039 Lincoln Ave. in Marion Acres for sale. Please contact Dan Heitkamp at 419-925-4307 for more information.

RCS Construction has 2 lots, 1841 and 1857 Washington Ave., 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 started land development off Jackson Street. Please contact him at 419-733-0053 for more information on available lots.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

Mark Hardesty provided an update on the FFA and Ag Boosters. Mark your calendars for the Mercer County Fair to be held August 11 – 17, 2023. Come out and support the Marion Local FFA and St. Henry FFA at the Pork Stand!

The FFA and Ag Boosters held a joint cookout on July 16th serving FFA members' families, Ag Boosters, and business leaders. They hope to continue to grow this event in the future.

Mr. Elsass and Mr. Bruns were busy this summer visiting ML FFA members' projects. They enjoyed seeing a diverse range of experiences the members are learning through their SAE projects.

The Marion Local FFA chapter will be providing a petting zoo at the Heritage Days at the Maria Stein Shrine on September 17th from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Mark Hardesty provided an update on the Ag Solutions front as well. The treatment trains are up and running well. They are processing the maximum amount of water we can at each site. The Mercer Wildlife Area Phase 2 project is completed and will need to plant trees in that area this Fall. The Chickasaw Creek wetland project construction had some delays with the permit process and hope to be started soon. They have received three new Clean Ohio grants to purchase about 30 acres in total at three different locations. The future plans for all three sites are wetlands for water treatment and native grasses and forbs. Theresa Dirksen was awarded a new two-stage ditch after harvest in northern Mercer County. She is also working on designing another one that will be installed next summer. The Agriculture Nutrient Policy Council will attend a tour of GLSM watershed in October. More to come on all these projects.

The next Ag Booster Meeting will be held on Monday, September 18th, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chapel Hill Preschool is hiring a Preschool Teacher / Administrative Assistant. For all those interested in applying for the position can contact Shannon Everman at admin@marioncommunities.com.

Shannon Everman provided a review of the 2022 Form 990 Tax Return. Bob Dippold moved to approve the return as filed. Bob Unrast seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Information was provided this week that there will be a roundabout constructed at the intersection of 127 and 119 with expected completion in 2027.

VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL REPORTS:

Carthagen Park Report – For information on renting the shelter house, call Nancy Koesters at 419-925-5192.

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 additional information to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 a.m., with a motion from Lisa Buschur and seconded by Bob Unrast. The next MCDO meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building. Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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