



President, Ted Bertke called the June meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on June 13, 2023 at 7:30 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 May 31, 2023 Treasurer's report was given by Jean Bender. Mark Hardesty moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Bob Dippold seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$267,733

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$239,054
CD's	\$16,796
Savings	\$11,883
Total Assets	\$267,733

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$12,775
General Fund – MCDO	\$43,414
Marion Soccer	\$19,982
Girls' Softball	\$1,322
ML FFA	\$25,246
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$10,035
Boys Baseball	\$10,350
Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,345
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$1,538
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$19,190
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,254
Multi-Use Path	\$62,722
Fundamental League	\$9,039
Youth Basketball	\$2,345
Carthage Park	\$12,636
Carthage Wuebker Memorial	\$2,540
Total Assets	\$267,733

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Kyle Moeller

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

May 15:	Frank & Danielle Moeller	June 5:	Vern & Anita Kremer
May 22:	Mark & Jane Fleck	June 12:	Dan & Barb Heitkamp
May 29:	Nick & Jenna Boeckman		

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 June are:

- \$50 – Nick & Tonya Pavelka
- \$30 – Kurt Heitkamp
- \$25 – Angie Hueker
- \$25 – John & Joan Alexander

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

Mark your calendars—There will be a Community Blood Center blood drive in honor of Reid Ranly on Tuesday, July 11th. It is from 12pm-6pm at the Maria Stein American Legion. Reid is a 6th grader at Marion Local Schools and was diagnosed with leukemia in December. He is undergoing chemotherapy and received many whole blood and platelet transfusions. Donors can sign up by going to Donortime.com, calling (419)461-3220, or using the Donortime App. As a thank you, all registered donors will receive a 'Sunshine and Saving Lives' t- shirt.

The Mercer Health Marion Campus building is on schedule with projected completion date of Fall 2023.

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 will begin developing the land off of Jackson Street this July/August. Please contact him 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 at the Pork Stand!

The Ag Ed Boosters elections were held in May and the following are the new officers:

- Kevin Otte – President
- Dan Albers – Vice President
- Hannah Meier – Secretary
- Tom Greenwood – Treasurer

The Ag Department would like to welcome Greg Bruns as the new Co-Ag Teacher for the 2023-2024 School Year since Sophie Hoelscher took a new position at New Bremen. He will be teaching the Woodworking, Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources (AFNR), Drafting, and CBI classes. The Boosters are planning to purchase new equipment for the school year.

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 should be starting very soon, and the Chickasaw Creek wetland project construction contract will be awarded by the end of this month. 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 is also working on two potential new applications. More to come on all these projects.

The next Ag Booster Meeting will be held on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. in the Ag Ed Room. All are invited to attend!

OTHER BUSINESS:

There will NOT be a July MCDO meeting due to vacations, etc.

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 8:10 a.m., with a motion from Mark Hardesty and seconded by Lisa Buschur. The next MCDO meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 8, 2023** at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building. Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

Board of Directors

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