



President, Ted Bertke called the October meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on October 10, 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 September 30, 2023; Treasurer's report was given by Shannon Everman. Mark Hardesty moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Lisa Buschur seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CURRENT TOTAL ASSETS \$319,364

Asset Allocations

Checking	\$287,136
CD's	\$16,827
Savings	\$15,401
Total Assets	\$319,364

Funding Allocations

Recreation Fund	\$15,815
General Fund – MCDO	\$39,971
Marion Soccer	\$20,495
Girls' Softball	\$6,719
ML FFA	\$23,205
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$39,350
Boys Baseball	\$19,259
Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,345
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$1,538
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$17,841
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,254
Multi-Use Path	\$73,716
Fundamental League	\$8,128
Youth Basketball	\$2,102
Carthage Park	\$16,626
Total Assets	\$319,364

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson – Luke Bertke

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

September 18: Brownie & Shirley Thobe	October 2: Charles & Stephanie Schwieterman
September 25: Jace Homan	October 9: Bob & Martha Pohlman

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 October are:

- \$50 – Jeff & Nancy Luebke
- \$30 – Mark & Michelle Ashman
- \$25 – Kent & Karen Shaner
- \$25 – Rick & Linda Thobe

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

Committee Chairperson – Lisa Buschur

There will be a drive-thru flu shot clinic on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, from 9:30am-6:00pm at the Mercer County Fairgrounds. There are other dates available. Call the Mercer County Health District for more info (419-586-3251) or visit their Facebook page.

Mercer Health Marion Campus is aiming for a mid-December opening date. The Medical Group at Maria Stein (Dr. Kleinhenz and Dr. Colopy) has a new phone number: (419) 925-7177 and new fax number: (567) 316-2025.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. The Paint the Pavement Pink event was held at the park on October 7th. Congrats to Kendra Seitz and her team for putting on this great event!

4 Steps to detect breast cancer early:

- 1- Practice routine self-exams.
- 2- Know your risks and family history.
- 3- Visit your doctor regularly.
- 4- Know when to get a mammogram.

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

Matt Elsass provided an update on the FFA and Ag Boosters. FFA members competed in the District and County Soils Contests recently. The team finished 11th out of 39 schools at the district contest. 20 students will be traveling with the New Bremen FFA to the National FFA Convention from November 1st – 3rd. The next FFA meeting is October 17th in the High School Ag Room. The FFA will be having a tailgate this Friday, October 13th with the St. Henry FFA chapter to celebrate our partnership operating the pork stand at the Mercer County Fair.

Mark Hardesty provided an update on Ag Solutions. The Ag Education Series Committee is excited to announce that we will be having a session in November! This session will be held **November 2nd at 11:00am**. There will be a tour of Sudhoff Tree Farm located at 6314 State Route 49 Fort Recovery, Ohio 45846. Lunch will be available after the tour and is being provided by some generous sponsors...**RSVPs are required if you choose to participate in the meal**. Please **RSVP by noon on October 27th** by emailing ariel.hein@swcd.mercercountyohio.gov, or by calling the SWCD office at 419-586-3289 ext. 3. You can also RSVP by going to go.osu.edu/mercercaged.



The Ag Solutions projects are progressing well. They currently have a two-stage ditch under construction, along with completion of several acres of grassed waterway and two cascading waterways, several wetlands with private landowners, and Phase 2 at Mercer Wildlife Area is completed (see picture). They received the Army Corps permit for the Chickasaw Creek Wetland project and the next step is for the contractor to begin. Theresa Dirksen is also working on another two-stage ditch grant application. Finally, the Agriculture Nutrient Policy Council is planning to tour the GLSM area next week.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The MCDO Board discussed updating the Welcome to Marion Communities signs in the community. Shannon Everman will work on getting quotes and designs for discussion at the next meeting/meetings.

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 (both the VFW and Ball Diamond), contact Jay Schwieterman at 419-733-6811.
- Osgood** – No new information to report.
- Osgood Park Board Report** – For information on renting the park shelters, call Nick Beasley at 937-621-7718.
- 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 8:50 a.m., with a motion from Mark Hardesty and seconded by Lisa Buschur. The next MCDO meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building. Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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