

MINUTES OF THE STARK COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION  
April 18, 2022

The Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation met for their Regular Meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Stark County Regional Planning Commission Conference Room.

Board Members Present

Alex Zumbar  
Lem Green  
John Arnold

1. CALL TO ORDER BY SCLRC CHAIRMAN, Alex Zumbar

2. ROLL CALL – Board Members Present

Roll call found the following Board members in attendance: Alex Zumbar, John Arnold, and Lem Green. Janet Creighton and Bill Smith were absent. Green moved and Arnold seconded to excuse members Creighton and Smith due to prior obligations. Roll call vote: Zumbar – yes, Green – yes, Arnold – yes. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2022 MEETING

Green moved and Arnold seconded to approve the minutes of March 17, 2022 meeting. Roll call vote: Zumbar – yes, Arnold – yes, Green – yes. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC SPEAKS –

Shawn Vessalo, 2969 Genara Street NW, Uniontown, spoke regarding the land owned by the SCLRC directly behind his property where work is being done to remove the former greenhouse (12777 Mogadore). He expressed his interest in purchasing a small portion of this parcel. Nau stated there is a grant pending with the state for the final demo, although much has already been cleaned up. They are hoping to hear from the state within the next few weeks. The Land Bank is working with Lake Township in terms of how to dispose of the property. Arnold stated there is still some asbestos and roofing materials that need to be removed. The goal of this Board is to try to get properties that were not generating any tax revenues back into productive use.

5. TREASURER/FISCAL REPORT

Kasie Atkins reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the month of March. Green moved and Arnold seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report for March as presented. Roll call vote: Zumbar – yes, Arnold – yes, Green – yes. Motion carried.

Zumbar stated a pre-audit conference meeting was held a week ago. The financials were filed the end of March, so the process is underway.

6. SIDE LOT/VACANT LOT PROGRAM REPORT  
**Sarah Peters provided the Side Lot Program Update:**

**Total Applications Submitted: 2,306**  
*(11 applications were received since Mar. '22 update)*

Cities – 1,915  
Canton: 1,515, Massillon: 154, Alliance: 246

Other Communities – 391

Beach City – 1, Bethlehem Twp – 43, Brewster – 9, Canal Fulton – 1, Canton Twp – 81, East Canton – 7, East Sparta – 2, Hartville – 3, Jackson Twp – 6, Lake Twp – 6, Lawrence Twp – 11, Lexington Twp – 48, Limaville – 2, Louisville – 2, Marlboro – 1, Meyer’s Lake – 1, Minerva – 5, Nimishillen – 6, North Canton – 2; Osnaburg Twp – 15, Paris Twp – 3, Perry Twp – 17, Pike Twp – 21, Plain Twp – 37, Sandy Twp – 41, Sugarcreek Twp – 6, Tuscarawas Twp – 2, Washington Twp – 6, Waynesburg – 6, Wilmot-1

- Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 10
  - Total Number of Applications Denied: 853
  - Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 174
  - Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 18
  - **Total Number of Approved Applications: 1,251**
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- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Deposit Receipt / NIP Early Lien Release Approval / Request for Foreclosure / Completed Foreclosure Proceeding: 155
  - Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 17
  - **Total Number Transferred to Date: 1,079**

**Vacant Lot Program Update:**

**Total Applications Submitted: 316**  
*(4 Applications received since Mar '22 update)*

Cities – 230; Canton: 195, Alliance: 25, Massillon: 10

Other Communities – 86

Bethlehem Twp – 48, Canton Twp – 11, Hartville – 1, Jackson Twp – 2, Lake – 1, Lexington Twp – 6, Nimishillen – 3, Paris – 1, Perry – 1, Sandy Twp – 7; Sugarcreek Twp – 1, Washington Twp – 4,

- Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 4
  - Total Number of Applications Denied: 219
  - Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 7
  - Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 3
  - **Total Number of Approved Applications: 83**
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- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Executed MOU/ Completion of Foreclosure Proceeding: 41
- Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 5
- Total Number Transferred to Date: 37

Arnold moved and Green seconded to approve the Side Lot/Vacant Lot report as presented. Roll call vote: Zumbar – yes, Arnold – yes, Green – yes. Motion carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. DAP Policy Review

The Board was provided a marked-up copy of the DAP policy with revisions for their consideration. The current policy lists eligible applicants as cities, villages and townships. RPC staff has received calls from a few interested parties who were non-profits inquiring if they qualify for this program. ABCD recently contacted staff and submitted an application requesting funding assistance for the building they own off Harrisburg. Peters spoke to Will Dent regarding their request and explained that under the current guidelines they do not qualify. She suggested the model Refuge of Hope used where the non-profit partnered with the city of Canton as the applicant. But in some cases, certain cities, villages or townships may not have the capacity or interest in doing that. This draft DAP expands the program to allow for additional eligible applicants. Nau stated there may be some options for deferring to the Land Bank's original Agreement and Plan. He recommended that no action be taken at this point until that avenue is explored. Zumbar stated the Agreement and Plan was adopted in the initial formation of the Land Bank by the county commissioners and then adopted by the Land Bank in October 2012. Nau stated his copy of this Agreement and Plan was dated June 26, 2012. Zumbar stated the commissioners made some changes to it, so the second draft was sent back and adopted. The minutes would reveal the action that was taken. No action was taken on the DAP policy at this time.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. Next Meeting – May 16, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.