

MINUTES OF THE STARK COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION
October 21, 2024

The Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation met for their regular meeting on Monday, October 21 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Stark County Regional Planning Commission Conference Room.

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, Bill Smith, John Arnold, Chris Hardesty and Richard Regula.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 MEETING

Hardesty moved and Smith seconded to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2024 meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – Zumbar, Smith, and Hardesty. Arnold and Regula abstained.

4. PUBLIC SPEAKS
5. TREASURER/FISCAL REPORT

Heather Cunningham reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for the month of September. Arnold moved and Hardesty seconded to approve the Treasurer’s Report for September as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – Zumbar, Smith, Arnold, Regula and Hardesty.

6. SIDE LOT/VACANT LOT PROGRAM REPORT
Gwen Arthur provided the Side Lot Program Update:

Total Applications Submitted: 2,694
(38 applications were received since September ’24 update)

Cities – 2,234
Canton: 1,760, Massillon: 189, Alliance: 284

Other Communities – 461

Beach City – 1, Bethlehem Twp – 77, Brewster – 9, Canal Fulton – 1, Canton Twp – 84, East Canton – 8, East Sparta – 2, Hartville – 3, Jackson Twp – 6, Lake Twp – 8, Lawrence Twp – 12, Lexington Twp – 73, 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 – 18, Pike Twp – 21, Plain Twp – 38, Sandy Twp – 42, Sugarcreek Twp – 6, Tuscarawas Twp – 2, Washington Twp – 6, Waynesburg – 6, Wilmot-1

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- Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 28
 - Total Number of Applications Denied: 999
 - Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 187

- Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 34
- **Total Number of Approved Applications: 1,446**
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- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Deposit Receipt / NIP Early Lien Release / Request for Foreclosure / Completed Foreclosure Proceeding / Forfeiture Request: 94
- Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 34
- **Total Number Transferred to Date: 1,328**

Vacant Lot Program Update:

Total Applications Submitted: 404

(3 applications received since September '24 update)

Cities – 277: Canton: 222, Massillon: 16, Alliance: 39

Other Communities – 126

Bethlehem Twp – 75, Canton Twp – 15, Hartville – 1, Jackson Twp – 4, Lake – 4, Lexington Twp – 9, Nimishillen – 3, Paris – 1, Perry – 1, Pike – 2, Sandy Twp – 7; Sugarcreek Twp – 1, Washington Twp – 4,

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- Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 3
- Total Number of Applications Denied: 273
- Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 25
- Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 4
- **Total Number of Approved Applications: 99**
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- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Executed MOU/ Completion of Foreclosure Proceeding: 15
- Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 3
- Total Number Transferred to Date: 81

Arnold moved and Smith seconded to approve the Side Lot/Vacant Lot Report as submitted. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – Zumbar, Smith, Arnold, Regula and Hardesty.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Target Acquisition Program
 - Habitat for Humanity – 4 parcels

Peters presented the four TAAP applications submitted by Habitat for Humanity. Two of the lots are on 2nd and 3rd Street Northeast, one on Werner Road Southeast, and one 14th Street Southeast. The lots are all vacant and certified tax delinquent. Zumbar moved and Arnold seconded to approved the requests as submitted. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – Zumbar, Smith, Arnold, Regula and Hardesty.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. FY22 Brownfield Remediation Program – Application Update

Peters presented an update for FY22 Remediation Program Application. The governor's office has recently made announcements of awards through Brownfield and the Demolition Site Revitalization Programs. Staff has received some emails and correspondence from DOD asking for additional information on a few of the Land Bank's Brownfield applications. DOD indicated they may likely be making a subsequent announcement of awards around Thanksgiving. We believe they are reviewing applications in order of submission. At this point, funding is still available. We're hopeful that we'll hear something soon, and we'll give the board another update.

Regula asked how much the Land Bank applied for. Peters stated that the Land Bank applied for about three and a half million for the Demolition Program and about four and a half million for three applications through the Brownfield Program. Regula asked how much funding the state is giving. Peters stated there was \$150 million for the Demolition Program \$175 million for the Brownfield Program, and available for the. And there is set aside funding for each of those, at \$500,000 set aside per county for the Demolition Program, and a million set aside for the Brownfields.

b. Board Member Survey Results

Peters provided the Board with the results of the Board Member Survey. The top priorities for the short-term planning goals were Demolition Funding Assistance Program, operating our current programs, and brownfield assessment/remediation. The top priorities for long range planning goals were demolition activities and home repair grants/loans followed by developing a strategic plan or a target area focus, "In-house" renovation, and brownfield redevelopment.

We will be taking these priorities into consideration as we are preparing the draft budget for 2025 for the Board's review next month. Along with priorities from the survey, other factors will be considered including trends of the current programs the Land Bank offers and opportunities for us to update or modify these programs and policies. Peters suggested a work session with the board after next month's meeting to discuss these various topics related to the survey.

10. NEXT MEETING – Monday November 18, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

11. ADJOURNED