

MINUTES OF THE STARK COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION  
March 20, 2025

The Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation met for their regular meeting on Monday, March 20, 2025 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, Chris Hardesty and Alan Harold.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Per the regulations of the bylaws, every year at the Annual meeting there must be an election of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the Board of Directors. Harold moved and Hardesty seconded to appoint Alex Zumbar as Chairperson and Bill Smith as Vice Chairperson. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye - Alex Zumbar, Bill Smith, Chris Hardesty and Alan Harold.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2025 MEETING

Harold moved and Hardesty seconded to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2025 meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – Zumbar, Smith, Hardesty, and Harold.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKS

6. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT

Sarah Peters presented the annual report which summarized the accomplishments of the SCLRC during 2024. Hardesty moved and Smith seconded to approve the 2024 Annual Report as submitted. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye - Zumbar, Smith, Hardesty, and Harold.

*Doug Baum, alternate for John Arnold joined the meeting.*

7. TREASURER/FISCAL REPORT

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

6. SIDE LOT/VACANT LOT PROGRAM REPORT

**Sarah Peters provided the Side Lot Program Update:**

**Total Applications Submitted: 2,756**

*(11 applications were received since February '25 update)*

Cities – 2,286  
Canton: 1,801, Massillon: 191, Alliance: 285

Other Communities – 470

Beach City – 1, Bethlehem Twp – 77, Brewster – 9, Canal Fulton – 1, Canton Twp – 86, East Canton – 8, East Sparta – 2, Hartville – 3, Jackson Twp – 7, Lake Twp – 8, Lawrence Twp – 12, Lexington Twp – 77, 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 – 20, Pike Twp – 21, Plain Twp – 38, Sandy Twp – 42, Sugarcreek Twp – 6, Tuscarawas Twp – 2, Washington Twp – 6, Waynesburg – 6, Wilmot-1

- Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 2
- Total Number of Applications Denied: 1037
- Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 189
- Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 27
- **Total Number of Approved Applications: 1,501**

- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Deposit Receipt / NIP Early Lien Release / Request for Foreclosure / Completed Foreclosure Proceeding / Forfeiture Request: 110
- Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 39
- **Total Number Transferred to Date: 1,352**

**Vacant Lot Program Update:**

**Total Applications Submitted: 409**  
*(0 applications received since February '25 update)*

Cities – 283: Canton: 227, Massillon: 16, Alliance: 40

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,

- Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 0
- Total Number of Applications Denied: 280
- Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 25
- Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 3
- **Total Number of Approved Applications: 101**

- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Executed MOU/ Completion of Foreclosure Proceeding: 14
- Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 3
- Total Number Transferred to Date: 84

Harold 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, Hardesty, Harold, and Baum.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Demolition Assistance Requests:
- Arts In Stark – Parcel #285038

The DAP request from Arts in Stark is for the demolition of a former church at 1014 Cleveland Ave NW. They intend to turn the space into 54 parking spaces that will serve the Civic Center and the Cultural Arts Center. Total project costs are \$72,340 and the request is for \$36,170. Hardesty stated Arts in Stark also applied for demolition assistance through the City of Canton. The board discussed the project.

Zumbar moved and Smith seconded to approve the DAP request. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – Zumbar, Smith, Hardesty, Arnold, and Baum. Harold abstained from voting.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on Stark Ceramics Property

John Anthony gave an update on the Stark Ceramics property. Anthony stated that he spoke with Great Lakes Coating Attorney, Dan Daniluk. They are going to write up a summary of what they've done, what they intend to do, and submit it along with a request for a 90-day extension. In addition, they are going to set up a walk-through of the property for the Land Bank.

11. NEXT MEETING – April 21, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

12. ADJOURNED