

MINUTES OF THE STARK COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION
MAY 19, 2025

The Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation met for their regular meeting on Monday, May 19, 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, John Arnold, Chris Hardesty and Alan Harold.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2025 MEETING

Hardesty moved and Arnold seconded to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2025 meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – Zumbar, Smith, Arnold, Hardesty, and Harold.

4. PUBLIC SPEAKS

5. TREASURER/FISCAL REPORT

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

Zumbar noted that the budget sheet shows the statutory DTAC funds were deposited with the SCLRC.

6. SIDE LOT/VACANT LOT PROGRAM REPORT

Sarah Peters provided the Side Lot Program Update:

Total Applications Submitted: 2,764

(2 applications were received since April '25 update)

Cities – 2,293

Canton: 1,815, Massillon: 192, Alliance: 286

Other Communities – 471

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; Osnauburg 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: 1049
- Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 189
- Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 15
- **Total Number of Approved Applications: 1,509**

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- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Deposit Receipt / NIP Early Lien Release / Request for Foreclosure / Completed Foreclosure Proceeding / Forfeiture Request: 127
 - Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 16
 - **Total Number Transferred to Date: 1,366**

Vacant Lot Program Update:

Total Applications Submitted: 410

(1 applications received since April '25 update)

Cities – 284: Canton: 227, Massillon: 17, 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,

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- Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 0
 - Total Number of Applications Denied: 281
 - Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 25
 - Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 1
 - **Total Number of Approved Applications: 103**

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- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Executed MOU/ Completion of Foreclosure Proceeding: 15
 - Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 1
 - Total Number Transferred to Date: 87

Harold moved and Zumbar 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, Hardesty, and Harold.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Targeted Acquisition Assistance Requests:
 - Jackson Township – Parcel #1604572

Peters stated Jackson township submitted an application for acquisition assistance of a vacant property. The property is certified tax delinquent, and the township has been maintaining it. The property's is much higher than the delinquent taxes on the property. If approved, the foreclosure case would be processed as a judicial foreclosure and the property would be offered at a sheriff sale.

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

- City of Massillon – 7 Parcels

The City of Massillon submitted applications for acquisition assistance of four properties totaling seven parcels. The seven parcels are certified tax delinquent. Arnold moved and Harold seconded to approve the TAAP requests. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – Zumbar, Smith, Arnold, Hardesty and Harold.

b. Demolition Assistance Program Requests

- Lexington Township – Parcel #2807979

Lexington Township submitted an application for demolition assistance for a property on Spruce Drive NE. The township has obtained legal authority for demolition through a completed nuisance abatement procedure. The total estimated cost for the demolition is just over \$19,400. The request for funding assistance is \$9,703.72. There is an error on one of the application's required attachments where the tax delinquent box is checked. Arnold moved and Harold seconded to conditionally approve the DAP request with the caveat that the township correct the application attachment. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – Zumbar, Smith, Arnold, Hardesty and Harold.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Zumbar stated the audit is nearing completion.

9. NEXT MEETING – May 19, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

10. ADJOURNED