

MINUTES OF THE STARK COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION  
September 17, 2025

The Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation met for a special meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. in the Stark County Commissioners 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, Alan Harold and John Arnold.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2025 MEETING

Harold moved and Arnold seconded to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2025 meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – Zumbar, Smith, Arnold, and Harold.

4. PUBLIC SPEAKS - none

5. TREASURER/FISCAL REPORT

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

6. SIDE LOT/VACANT LOT PROGRAM REPORT

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

**Total Applications Submitted: 2,813**  
*(10 applications were received since August '25 update)*

Cities – 2,335  
Canton: 1,845, Massillon: 195, Alliance: 295

Other Communities – 478

Beach City – 1, Bethlehem Twp – 78, Brewster – 9, Canal Fulton – 1, Canton Twp – 87, East Canton – 8, East Sparta – 2, Hartville – 3, Jackson Twp – 7, Lake Twp – 8, Lawrence Twp – 12, Lexington Twp – 79, Limaville – 2, Louisville – 3, Marlboro – 1, Meyer’s Lake – 1, Minerva – 5, Nimishillen – 6, North Canton – 2; Osna burg Twp – 15, Paris Twp – 3, Perry Twp – 22, Pike Twp – 21, Plain Twp – 38, Sandy Twp – 42, Sugar creek Twp – 6, Tuscarawas Twp – 2, Washington Twp – 6, Waynesburg – 7, Wilmot-1

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- Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 1
  - Total Number of Applications Denied: 1,076
  - Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 193
  - Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 11
  - **Total Number of Approved Applications: 1,532**

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- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Deposit Receipt / NIP Early Lien Release / Request for Foreclosure / Completed Foreclosure Proceeding / Forfeiture Request: 108
  - Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 37
  - **Total Number Transferred to Date: 1,387**

### **Vacant Lot Program Update:**

#### **Total Applications Submitted: 426**

*(5 applications received since August '25 update)*

Cities – 289: Canton: 229, Massillon: 19, Alliance: 41

Other Communities – 137

Bethlehem Twp – 86, Canton Twp – 15, Hartville – 1, Jackson Twp – 4, Lake – 3, 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: 2
  - Total Number of Applications Denied: 292
  - Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 26
  - Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 4
  - **Total Number of Approved Applications: 92**

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- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Executed MOU/ Completion of Foreclosure Proceeding: 6
  - Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 4
  - Total Number Transferred to Date: 102

Arnold 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, and Harold.

## 7. **NEW BUSINESS**

### a. Support Agreement for Molly Stark Demolition Project

Bob Nau presented the support agreement between the Land Bank, Stark County Commissioners and the Stark County Park District. Bids for the demolition project came in at \$1.882 million, significantly below the \$3.1 million estimate. The cost split remains 75/25, with Stark Parks contributing \$150,000, the Land Bank with \$300,000, and the county covering the balance while also managing cash flow. The agreement includes a key clause requiring the Parks to reimburse the Land Bank and county if the property is sold within 15 years. There were some additional costs tied to an underground storage tank investigation, but they were minor compared to original expectations. Overall, the project was approved, with members noting that it will eliminate a safety liability and move forward under a tight December 31st deadline.

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

b. Demolition Assistance Request:

- Lexington Township – Parcel #2900098

Sarah Peters stated that Lexington Township is requesting demolition funding assistance for a property on Webb Avenue Northeast. The structure on the property was deemed unsafe and structurally defective by the township fire chief. The township went through the nuisance abatement process and has the legal authority to move forward with the demolition. They have an estimated cost of \$19,900 for the abatement and demolition and are requesting \$9,950.

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

9. NEXT MEETING – October 20, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

10. ADJOURNED