

MINUTES OF THE STARK COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION  
September 15, 2025

The Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation met for their regular meeting on Monday, September 15, 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 and Bill Smith

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2025 MEETING

Due to lack of quorum, no action could be taken.

4. PUBLIC SPEAKS - none

5. TREASURER/FISCAL REPORT

Heather Cunningham reviewed the Treasurer’s Report for the month of August. Due to lack of quorum, no action could be taken.

6. SIDE LOT/VACANT LOT PROGRAM REPORT

**Jennifer Young 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; Osnaburg 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

Due to lack of quorum, no action could be taken.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Targeted Acquisitions Assistance Requests:
  - City of Alliance – Parcel #105355
  - Jackson Township – Parcel #1613792

Due to lack of quorum, no action could be taken.

- b. Demolition Assistance Request:
  - Lexington Township – Parcel #2900098

Due to lack of quorum, no action could be taken.

Bob Nau presented a draft support agreement between the Land Bank, Stark County Commissioners and the Stark County Park District. The Land Bank, on behalf of the Park District, received a \$2.3 million grant for the demolition of Molly Stark. It's a 75% grant with a 25% local match. The agreement outlines the parties contribution towards the 25% local match, originally estimated at \$779,165. The Park District will contribute \$150,000, the Land Bank \$300,000, and the County Commissioners will cover the remaining balance, currently estimated at \$325,000. Final contributions may change depending on the actual bid

amounts since the match is percentage-based. There was some discussion on arranging a special meeting to approve the agreement.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion of Demolition Assistance Program

The board discussed proposed updates to the demolition assistance program policy. The revisions expand eligible applicants to include the county, its subdivisions, nonprofits, and other entities as determined by the Land Bank. The change provides flexibility to consider private individuals on a case-by-case basis, provided the project serves a public purpose and benefits community development. No vote was taken due to lack of quorum.

Nau reviewed the “Welcome Home Ohio” grant partnership with Canton for All People, which will fund the construction/sale of ten homes at \$200,000 each, to income qualified home buyers for \$180,000. Don Ackerman, from Canton for All People, had assumed \$20,000 in down payment assistance per home from the City of Canton, but that funding has run out. Ackerman asked whether the Land Bank could provide the assistance instead. While the sales would still generate about \$1.6 million in revenue, members expressed caution about using Land Bank funds this way, noting the risk of setting a precedent and the need to protect limited resources. No decision was made due to lack of quorum, and it was agreed to revisit the issue with the full board present, potentially inviting Ackerman to explain the request.

Nau provided an update on the excavation work at the previous Starfire gas station on Columbus Rd. It is filled in and awaiting testing. There will be ongoing testing for the next 6 months.

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

10. ADJOURNED