

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

The Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation met for their regular meeting on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Stark County Commissioner's office board room.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY SCLRC CHAIRMAN, Alex Zumbar

Alex Zumbar noted that due to a fire next door to the original location of the meeting (at Stark County Regional Planning Commission), it was quickly moved to 110 Central Plaza S, Suite 240, Canton, Ohio 44702. The notice of change was posted on the building and shared with the media.

2. ROLL CALL – Board Members Present

Roll call found the following board members in attendance: John Arnold, Alan Harold, Alex Zumbar, Bill Smith, Peter Zahirsky

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 MEETING

Harold moved and Zahirsky seconded to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2025 meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – Harold, Zumbar, Smith, and Zahirsky. Arnold abstained.

4. PUBLIC SPEAKS - none

5. TREASURER/FISCAL REPORT

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

Heather Cunningham reviewed the 2026 Budget Proposal. Chairman Zumbar reminded the board that it has until the December meeting to contact Heather Cunningham with any questions about the proposed budget before it is adopted at the next meeting.

6. SIDE LOT/VACANT LOT PROGRAM REPORT

Sarah Peters provided the Side Lot Program Update:

Total Applications Submitted: 2,831

(9 applications were received since October '25 update)

Cities – 2,348

Canton: 1,854, Massillon: 196, Alliance: 298

Other Communities – 483

Beach City – 1, Bethlehem Twp – 78, Brewster – 9, Canal Fulton – 1, Canton Twp – 89, 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 – 16, Paris Twp – 4, Perry Twp – 23, Pike Twp – 21, Plain Twp –

38, Sandy Twp – 42, Sugarcreek Twp – 6, Tuscarawas Twp – 2, Washington Twp – 6, Waynesburg – 7, Wilmot-1

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- Total Number of Applications under Preliminary Review: 0
 - Total Number of Applications Denied: 1,085
 - Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 194
 - Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 14
 - **Total Number of Approved Applications: 1,538**
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- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Deposit Receipt / NIP Early Lien Release / Request for Foreclosure / Completed Foreclosure Proceeding / Forfeiture Request: 116
 - Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 22
 - **Total Number Transferred to Date: 1,400**

Vacant Lot Program Update:

Total Applications Submitted: 428

(2 applications received since October '25 update)

Cities – 291: Canton: 231, 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: 0
 - Total Number of Applications Denied: 297
 - Number of Canceled Applications/Fee Refunded: 26
 - Total Number Pending Approval by Community: 1
 - **Total Number of Approved Applications: 104**
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- Total Number of Approved Applications Pending Executed MOU/ Completion of Foreclosure Proceeding: 8
 - Total Number Being Prepared for Transfer: 2
 - Total Number Transferred to Date: 94

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

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Targeted Acquisitions Assistance Requests:
 - Jackson Township – Parcel #1607558

Peters stated Jackson Township is requesting acquisition assistance of a commercial property located off of Whipple Ave NW, former Sadie Renees property. The property is vacant and certified tax

delinquent. The township plans to demolish it and list the property for sale. They are not requesting funds currently, just acquisition assistance. Harold moved and Arnold seconded to approve the TAAP request as submitted. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – Arnold, Harold, Zumbar, Smith, and Zahirsky.

- Canton City School District – Parcel #243105

Peters stated Canton City School District is requesting assistance in acquiring a vacant lot that is surrounded by parcels owned by the school district. The parcel is certified tax delinquent. The intended use is to combine with the parcels surrounding it and use it for additional parking. Harold moved and Zahirsky seconded to approve the TAAP request as submitted. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye - Arnold, Harold, Zumbar, Smith, and Zahirsky.

Peters presented proposed changes to the Targeted Acquisition Assistance Program policy that would modify the language regarding applicants able to go through the program. Harold moved, Arnold seconded to approve the change as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – Arnold, Harold, Zumbar, Smith, and Zahirsky.

- b. FY2026 - Brownfield Remediation Program – Grant Update

Peters said the application round opened last Wednesday. The Department of Development has released the new guidelines and made available \$88 million throughout the state for this funding cycle. Each county has a reserve of \$1 million for eligible applications. Funding has been opened to for-profit developers, municipalities, and county land banks making it a competitive pool within the county for the \$1 million. The Land Bank had been pursuing two grant application in the FY25 round that were not funded. Both are in the city of Alliance. Application window will close December 5, 2025.

- c. FY2026 – Welcome Home Ohio Program – Grant Update

Peters said applications will start to be accepted at the beginning of December 8, 2025, and closes January 16, 2026. There is around \$91 million available for this program. There are three different activities for monies available: purchasing grant, rehab/construction grant and tax credit. Changes have been made to this program: eligible entities who can apply now include land banks, subdivisions and non-profits.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion of Demolition Assistance Program

Peters read the proposed changes to the DAP policy that gives the board discretion to allow other entities to apply. If applicants are not local subdivisions their project would have to have the support of the community. Harold moved and Arnold seconded to approve the DAP change as presented. Motion carried on roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – Arnold, Harold, Zumbar, Smith and Zahirsky.

- 9. NEXT MEETING – December 15, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

- 10. ADJOURNED