

MINUTES OF THE STARK COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION
April 20, 2026

The Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation met for their regular meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Stark County Regional Planning Commission Conference Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY SCLRC CHAIRMAN, John Arnold
2. ROLL CALL – Board Members Present

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2026 MEETING

Zumbar moved and Zahirsky seconded to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2026 meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – John Arnold, Alex Zumbar, Bill Smith, Peter Zahirsky and Alan Harold.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKS

6. TREASURER/FISCAL REPORT

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

6. SIDE LOT/VACANT LOT PROGRAM REPORT

Sarah Peters provided the Side Lot Program Update.

Zumbar 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 – John Arnold, Alex Zumbar, Bill Smith, Peter Zahirsky and Alan Harold.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Targeted Acquisitions Assistance Requests:
 - City of Canton – 60 parcels

Peters presented 60 TAAP applications submitted by the city of Canton. All 60 parcels are certified tax delinquent on vacant land except for one parcel which has a small commercial structure on it.

Harold moved and Zumbar seconded to approve the TAAP requests. Harold asked if there was something in particular the land was going to be used for. Peters stated a grouping of lots are a continuation of acquisitions to protect greenspace and for floodplain restoration in an area of the city. J.R. Rinaldi, with the city of Canton, said it will be green space and that there's an ordinance that backs that up, that nothing further can be developed there. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – John Arnold, Alex Zumbar, Bill Smith, Peter Zahirsky and Alan Harold.

- Massillon CIC – Parcel # 069381 & 609382

Peters presented 1 TAAP application submitted by the Massillon CIC. There are two certified tax delinquent contiguous vacant lots on Goose Avenue Northwest. CIC is requesting acquisition assistance for residential development of these two lots.

Harold moved and Zumbar seconded to approve the TAAP request. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – John Arnold, Alex Zumbar, Bill Smith, Peter Zahirsky and Alan Harold.

b. Demolition Assistance Requests

Peters stated the application was submitted by Christopher DeVore. He acquired a property on 2nd Street Northeast, which is adjacent to his engraving business and property that he owns. The property was in significant disrepair at the time he acquired it and is looking for assistance in demolition. The total estimated project costs is just over \$10,000. DeVore is requesting fifty percent of the estimated project cost; a request for \$5,100. DAP policies were recently updated in November allowing applications from private individuals or businesses to apply for demolition funding. The policy also states eligibility of the application is at the discretion of the board. If approved, Peters stated there will need to be a budget revision to that line item, because at this time the budgeted funding for the program has been fully allocated. There are funds in the miscellaneous line item that if the board were to approve the request, \$5,100 could be moved from miscellaneous into the DAP line item.

Harold moved and Zumbar seconded to approve the DAP request and move the requisite amount from miscellaneous to the demolition line item. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – John Arnold, Alex Zumbar, Bill Smith, Peter Zahirsky and Alan Harold.

Christopher DeVore was present. He stated his engraving business has been in operation since 1978 and thanked the board for their assistance.

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. Stark Ceramics Update

John Anthony referenced an email previously sent to the board featuring the summary report provided quarterly for the Stark Ceramics property. The email indicated that there was an environmental report, phase one draft that they had prepared and sent to the OEPA. Anthony also received an email on Friday that they've sent a digital copy.

They are working on a phase two sampling and analysis work plan, which involves verifying what they found in phase one as far as what remediation is required. They've asked for an extension of time on the contract to complete this, which Anthony would recommend that the board grant to them to the end of the year. They did note that this was a fairly complicated phase one report.

Harold moved and Zumbar seconded to accept the report and to grant the extension to 12-31-2026 as requested. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Voting Aye – John Arnold, Alex Zumbar, Bill Smith, Peter Zahirsky and Alan Harold.

b. Welcome Home Ohio Update

Peters stated the construction on all 10 of the houses is mostly complete. Canton for All People should be wrapping up the interior final things on the last few houses in the next couple of weeks.

The original grant program deadline was May 1st. About a month and a half ago, Peters stated that we submitted a request for an extension to DOD and are hoping to get through the end of the year. Five of the 10 houses have closed and been sold to qualified buyers. There is one more under a

purchase agreement that has an estimated closing date of April 30th. Hopefully by the end of this month, six of the 10 houses will be closed. Canton for All People are working to identify buyers for the remaining four houses. If granted with the time extension, that should give Canton for All People enough time to do so and allow us to close out the grant.

Peters stated that at last month's annual meeting, the annual report was presented. As past practice, after the presentation of the annual report, it normally gets approved or adopted by the board which got missed last month.

Harold moved and Arnold seconded to accept and approve the 2025 report as presented last month. Voting Aye – John Arnold, Alex Zumbar, Bill Smith, Peter Zahirsky and Alan Harold.

11. NEXT MEETING – May 18, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.

12. ADJOURNED