

MINUTES

For the March 18, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Erie Land Bank, held at City Hall, 626 State Street, Room 500, Erie, Pennsylvania, at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Board of Directors:	Trevor Thompson Darlene Feeney	TJ Sandell Chris Groner
ERA Staff:	Scott Henry	Kelly Neville
Visitors:	Liz Allen Jeremy Bloeser	Gene Sundberg

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Sandell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and noted that the meeting will be audio taped to facilitate preparation of the written Minutes which will serve as the official public record.

CONSENT AGENDA & PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following items were included on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the Agenda
- b. Approval of the Minutes of the February 18, 2018 Regular Meeting

Upon a motion by Ms. Feeney and a second by Mr. Thompson the Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously.

There was one citizen to be heard, Jeremy Bloeser from the Bayfront East Side Taskforce (BEST). Mr. Bloeser expressed his gratitude to the Erie Land Bank for intervening in the Judicial Tax Sale to acquire properties on behalf of BEST.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Mr. Henry announced that Jason Pero was appointed by the Mayor to serve on the Board for the Erie Land Bank. Mr. Pero will fill the remainder of Mr. Alberstadt's term through December 2019.

Mr. Henry announced that the Land Bank currently has 6 properties in its inventory at the present time.

Mr. Henry stated that the Community Foundation provided a grant to the ENGP. Part of that grant will be used to fund the development of the website for the Erie Land Bank.

Mr. Henry provided a status update of the 19 properties being acquired with funding from the Erie County Land Bank. Eighteen of those are being acquired by condemnation actions through the Redevelopment Authority and Declarations of Taking were filed on March 4. Mr. Henry noted that he expects the total acquisition and disposition costs to be well under the original estimate of \$414,000 and that he has begun discussions with the Erie County Land Bank about expanding the number of properties to be included in this initial Work Plan.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gene Sundberg gave a report which is attached and incorporated into the minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Henry stated that 706 West 3rd Street was one of the six properties acquired through the Judicial Tax Sale and with no outstanding title issues to be resolved, this property is ready for conveyance to the Redevelopment Authority. Upon a motion by Mr. Groner and a second by Mr. Thompson, the Board unanimously conveyance of 706 West 3rd Street from the Erie Land Bank to the Erie Redevelopment Authority.

The Board discussed a proposed amendment to the bylaws that states:

Section 301. Participation

Any one or more members of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment, or any Internet application, which allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting. No member of the Board may vote by proxy.

Upon a motion by Mr. Groner and a second by Mr. Thompson, the board unanimously accepted the revision to the Bylaws.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Erie Land Bank

Darlene Feeney, Secretary