

MINUTES

For the March 19, 2018 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:	Chris Groner	Jay Alberstadt	Trevor Thompson
	TJ Sandell	Darlene Feeney	
ERA Staff:	Scott Henry	Kelly Neville	
Visitors:	Andy Zimmerman	Kathy Wyrosdick	

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 19th 2018 Regular Meeting

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

There were no citizens to be heard.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Mr. Henry stated that the Authority recently reconvened the Erie Neighborhood Growth Partnership (ENGP) and restructured the board to include representatives of the neighborhood groups. The ENGP will serve as an advisory board for the Authority and the Land Bank. The ENGP will be submitting an application to the Community Foundation for startup funding for the Land Bank.

GENERAL UPDATES/INFORMATION:

Mr. Henry stated that the County Land Bank has appointed their Board of Directors and a meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 11, 2018.

Mr. Henry recently met with Jessica-Horan Kunco about the Council of Governments preparing for a presentation on April 12, 2018, to educate public officials re the basics of land banks.

The County has released their judicial sale list which includes approximately 149 properties from the City. 14 of which have already been declared blighted by the City's Blighted Property Review Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS:

Intergovernmental Agreements

Mr. Henry stated that a draft agreement has been submitted to the County and a meeting has been scheduled with the County Executive. A copy of the agreement was sent to the Erie School District's Solicitor, Tim Wachter.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Sandell announced that he recently spoke with Kathy Dahlkemper regarding the County's Land Bank moving at a very slow rate and she wasn't hopeful of the Erie Land Bank receiving funding from them this year.

Mr. Sandell mentioned he was still working with City Council to possibly provide approximately \$5,000 in startup funds to the Land Bank.

Mr. Alberstadt reminded everyone that the Erie Land Bank was created with the intent of mitigating blight; not as an entity acting to purchase and resale properties to generate revenue. Mr. Henry assured Mr. Alberstadt that was not the intention and the original plan to fight blight was still the main focus.

Mr. Henry stated that he is currently working on an acquisition matrix which would itemize characteristics re properties being recommended for acquisition by the land bank. It was also noted that the land bank would need to create a development agreement for potential buyers of Land Bank properties.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Erie Land Bank

Darlene Feeney, Secretary