

MINUTES

For the February 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	
	TJ Sandell	Darlene Feeney
ERA Staff:	Scott Henry	Kelly Neville
Visitors:	Andy Zimmerman	Kathy Wyrosdick
	Kathy Schaaf	Mayor Schember
	Rene Lamis	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Sandell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:15 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 January 15th 2018 Regular Meeting

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

There were no citizens to be heard.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Mr. Henry recently attended the City Council meeting on February 7th 2018, Mr. Henry stated that Councilman Merski presented a resolution that was approved by council that states, "Erie City Council respectfully requests the proper County officials including the Erie County Executive, Erie County Council and the Erie County Redevelopment Authority, to consider entering into a cooperative agreement annually to disperse funds from the gaming money reserved for Blight Removal transferred to the City of Erie Land Bank to expedite the Blight Removal process".

Mr. Henry recently had a meeting with the Community Foundation to discuss with them possibly providing some funding to the Land Bank. Mr. Henry spoke with George Espy about having the Erie Neighborhood Growth Partnership serve as the fiscal agent and apply on behalf of the Erie Land Bank for the "Helping Today" Program in the April funding round. Approximately \$20,000 would be requested, which would enable the Land Bank to create marketing materials, procure general liability insurance, create a website and some minimal staff costs.

Mr. Henry reported that the Judicial Sale list currently includes 18 properties have been declared blighted by the City.

Mr. Henry and Chairman Sandell met with Mayor Schember to provide an update about the Erie Land Bank and recent media coverage about the County forming a Land Bank.

Chairman Sandell announced that he recently spoke with Councilman Merski about some possible funding from Council amounting to approximately \$5,000.00

UNFINISHED BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers:

Upon a motion by Ms. Feeney and a second by Mr. Groner, the Board unanimously approved a motion to accept Mr. T.J. Sandell as Chairperson.

Upon a motion by Mr. Groner and a second by Ms. Feeney, the Board unanimously approved a motion to accept Mr. Jay Alberstadt as Vice-Chairperson.

Upon a motion by Mr. Groner and a second by Mr. Sandell, the Board unanimously approved a motion to accept Ms. Darlene Feeney as Secretary.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sandell and a second by Ms. Feeney, the Board unanimously approved a motion to accept Chris Groner as Treasurer.

Intergovernmental Agreements:

Mr. Henry reported that the draft Intergovernmental Agreement between the Erie Land Bank and Erie County was transmitted to the County Executive on January 16. No response has been received to date and attempts will be made to schedule a meeting with the County to discuss further.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Erie Land Bank

Darlene Feeney, Secretary