

**Erie County Land Reutilization Corporation
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2023
10:30 AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Shenigo, Matt Old, Caleb Stidham, Angie Byington, Matt Lasko, Rob Quinn, Colleen Gilson

STAFF: Tim King, Ellen Schirg

VISITORS: Rick Jeffery

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Mr. Shenigo.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Stidham nominated Mr. Shenigo as Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Old. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Stidham nominated Mr. Old as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Mr. Quinn. All ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF NOVEMBER 21, 2022 MINUTES - Mr. King noted two corrections that neither Mr. Quinn nor Mr. Lasko were at the last meeting but had been listed so in "Members Present". Both Mr. Lasko and Mr. Quinn agreed. Mr. Stidham motioned to adopt the minutes noting the attendance revisions. Mr. Old seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Ms. Schirg reported an ending balance of \$347,000. She then reviewed several of the handout statements.

Mr. Stidham motioned to accept the financial report from the Executive Director. Seconded by Mr. Quinn. All ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS-

Mr. Stidham reviewed the Demolition Program noting there were three projects planned but the Pizza Hut demo on 250 did not occur, as the developer did not care for the timing or the bureaucracy related to the program. The second project was the Meijer Winery which was a clean-up of the site and not a demolition of the structure. The third project is the Vermilion School House on SR 60. The building is listed on the state's list of historic properties and the State of Ohio's Historic Preservation Office has slowed this demolition. Through some compromise it appears the demolition will be allowed to proceed should a historical plaque be placed on the site to memorialize the school. The property will then be dedicated as the Dick Goddard Park.

Ms. Schirg reviewed several properties in Perkins Township that will be transferred to adjacent property owners.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Stidham noted that the former Executive Director, Alex Jones has left the position. He stated that he was nominating Ellen Schirg as the new Executive Director. Mr. Stidham reviewed Ms. Schirg's qualifications noting that her experience in the Erie County Treasurer's Office has given her familiarity with distressed properties. Mr. Old motioned to appoint Ellen Schirg to the Erie County Land Reutilization Corporation's Executive Director position. Seconded by Mr. Shenigo. All ayes. Motion carried.

2023 DTAC GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. Stidham reviewed the creation of the DTAC Annual Grant Program. He noted that this would make available \$150,000 annually. This will begin the process of accepting applications. He asked the board's approval of the program and project solicitation. Mr. Shenigo motioned to approve the creation of the DTAC Annual Grant program in the amount of \$150,000 and allowing the Executive Director to begin accepting project applications. Seconded by Ms. Gilson. All ayes. Motion carried.

PROPOSED 2023 OPERATING BUDGET

Following a brief discussion and a review of the operating budget handout Mr. Old motioned to approve the 2023 ECLRC operating budget. Seconded by Mr. Quinn. All ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

With no other business to transact Mr. Stidham motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Old. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim King
Secretary *pro tem* ECLRC