

Land bank Board Meeting Minutes Courthouse Annex Conference room

Meeting was called to order by: Bonnie Summers at 1:30 PM

In attendance:

- Vince Witherup-Commissioner
- Bonnie Summers-Commissioner
- Diona Brick-Fiscal
- Julie Thompson-Tax Claim
- Robert Walter-Assessment
- Barb Cisek McGarvey-Residential Representative
- Paul Calderone-Residential Representative
- Jason Ruggiero-Planning
- Emily Donaldson-Planning
- Mary Swisher-Assessment

1. Motion was done by Diona Brick to accept last month's meeting minutes second by Barb Cisek McGarvey; all in favor.
2. Bonnie Summers stated that the City of Franklin accepted the Otter Street property from Wells Fargo Bank.
3. Jason and Emily talked about the housing market study regarding the issues and recommendations that they feel are best for the land bank. They shared the Blight to Bright Manual (which Julie is going to provide the board members with the link) they also provided maps to show the repository properties along with the contour lines to get an idea of how steep a parcels is. Jason is going to see if Phil can do maps of the repository properties over laying the CBGB eligibility areas, to make it easier to see which properties may qualify.
4. Jason suggest that the land bank get a plan in place as to what they are looking to accomplish and what municipalities they are wanting to focus on, so that Emily and himself can start looking into grants. He stated there are a lot of grants that the land bank may qualify for however a plan has to be in place before hand so they know which ones to look into.
5. Bonnie suggests having someone from the affordable housing attend the next meeting to give information regarding the first time home buyers program. (*Diona is going to see about getting someone to attend.*)
6. Jason stated that Judy Barrett, whom is the chair person for the redevelopment authority of Oil City, expressed interest in obtaining property from the repository list and making it into green space. To help get some of the blight cleaned up and help get the properties off the repository list. Judy is going to be asked to attend the next meeting to discuss this further.
7. Julie suggested we look at a vacant parcel in Oil City that is on the Repository list. A neighbor has shown interest in making a community area for the neighbors but they need help cleaning it up. Mary stated that another neighbor is having sewage issues because of the roots of a tree on this lot. We will research this and bring the info to the next meeting.
8. Julie also mentioned a property on East State Street in Seneca. It is vacant and for sale by owner. It is the worst house in a nice neighborhood. Julie will research for the next meeting.
9. Vince suggested that a meeting be set up with Oil City and the housing authority to see if they have a plan in place for the blight properties.

Adjournment:

Vince made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 PM Second by Diona Brick. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 9, 2015 at 1:30 PM

Submitted by:

Mary Swisher