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WAYNE COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION  
August 26, 2021 meeting minutes

**Members Present: Becky Foster, Sue Smail, Steve Wheeler, Andrew Dutton, Melissa Koch, Bobbie Beshara**

**Guests: Kevin White (Wayne County Planning) and Barbara Biro (Wayne County Prosecutor's Office)**

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM

Steve Wheeler made a motion to approve the May 12, 2021 minutes. Foster seconded; motion carried.

Melissa gave the Treasurer's report and indicated that we received a check from Rohrer Rental Properties for 433 Garfield, Orrville, OH in the amount of \$6,000. The balance as of July is \$17,432.42. We also received our first DTAC checks for the second half settlement and will receive that money twice a year. The first half settlement is much larger than second half. We received \$10,276.94 for regular real estate and \$844.32 for mobile homes.

Wheeler made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted. Foster seconded the motion; motion carried.

Sue discussed with the board the need to hire an attorney for assistance with the Land Reutilization Corporation. She will reach out to attorney John Barrington.

Sue introduced Barbara Biro of the Board of Revisions who discussed with the board the three ways (opportunities) that LRC can acquire properties through an expedited process with the BOR. This process is only for **vacant and abandoned properties**.

1. 30 days after an owner is served, the LRC can acquire the property. A clear title must be in place.
2. The property can be acquired by the LRC if a property doesn't sell in a public auction. The LRC is responsible for all associated fees and the BOR must approve.

3. If a complaint is filed against the property owner (by the LRC or the Treasurer's office) the LRC can obtain the property. This process takes 60 days. The LRC must identify the properties and send off to the BOR.

The board thanked Barbara for her very thorough explanation. The Board identified three properties that we would like to acquire and are sending to the BOR per #3 above.

Beshara made a motion to identify and send to the BOR the following properties.

206 W Vine Street (Wooster) Parcel # 64-00274; 354 Lucca Street (Wooster) Parcel #65-01083; and 216 S. Mulberry Street (Wooster) Parcel # 64-01845. Seconded by Dutton; motion carried

Regrading the Lucca Street property, there are two parcels owned by Laurie Patterson, and there was discussion as to whether we would need to obtain the second parcel separately after we have acquired the one we just identified. Parcel #65-01082, for reference is the second parcel. Sue suggested we contact the guardian of the owner of the Lucca Street properties to advise them of our intent.

Kevin informed the Board that Planning is working on and identifying Brownfields in Wayne County, as Ohio counties will each be receiving \$1 million from the State for Brownfields. Each county will also be receiving \$500,000 from the State for demolition of residential, commercial and industrial properties. This money will probably be given to the county Land Banks but we are awaiting rules and regulations. If we know of any Brownfields in our communities, Kevin suggested we let Pete Wearstler, Director of Planning, know.

Next meeting Friday, September 17th at 9 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 10