

MEETING MINUTES OF THE
VACANT PROPERTY REINVESTMENT BOARD
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023, AT 8:00 A.M.
AT THE OFFICES OF THE
LANCASTER COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES
28 PENN SQUARE, SUITE 100
LANCASTER, PA 17603

The members of the Vacant Property Reinvestment Board met Thursday, February 16, 2023. The Board meeting was held at the offices of the Lancaster County Housing & Redevelopment Authorities, 28 Penn Square, Lancaster, and via Zoom Videoconference.

Members of the board in attendance: Ed Fisher, Scott Graham, Bob Heiserman, Dan Hess, Rick Martin and Heather Zink.

Staff members present were: Justin Eby, Executive Director; Michaela Allwine, Director Housing and Community Development; Sean Krumpe, Acquisition & Rehabilitation Program Coordinator; and Beth Dreyer-DeGoede, Executive Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by previous chair, Mr. Bob Heiserman at 8:02 am.

Introductions were made around the room since the board had not met since October 2021.

- Scott Graham is an architect and lives in Lititz.
- Heather Zink is the Planning Commission Representative, she is on the Columbia Borough Council and lives in Columbia.
- Ed Fisher is the chair of Housing Authority and Redevelopment Authority boards and lives in West Hempfield.
- Bob Heiserman is a real estate appraiser/broker, he used to live in Marietta.
- Justin Eby is the Executive Director of Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities.
- Rick Martin is a nearly retired builder who lives in New Holland. He currently works at LCCTC with construction trade students.
- Dan Hess is a mostly retired management consultant and lives in East Lampeter Township.
- Sean Krumpe is Acquisition + Rehabilitation Programs Coordinator with the Redevelopment Authority.
- Michaela Allwine is Director of Housing and Community Development with the Redevelopment Authority.
- Beth Dreyer-DeGoede is Executive Administrative Assistant with the Housing and Redevelopment Authorities.

Mr. Hess nominated Bob Heiserman to chair the board, Mr. Martin seconded the nomination and he was approved. Mr. Heiserman nominated Ed Fisher to be the vice-chair. Ms. Zink seconded the nomination, and he was approved. Mr. Heiserman appointed Beth Dreyer-DeGoede as Secretary.

There was no public comment.

Minutes of the October 2021 meeting were approved. The motion was made by Mr. Hess, second by Mr. Martin, and unanimously accepted. Mr. Heiserman asked about the status of the Gold St. property, but Mr. Eby did not know.

There were no Hearings.

Correspondence/Communications: Mr. Krumpke said that Rapho Township had reached out about some properties. With the launching of the new website the application process is now online. He will reach out to them. Mr. Eby said East Lampeter Township is gathering a list of possible properties as well. Ms. Allwine noted that 332 Locust St. in Columbia has been demolished and is still working through eminent domain. They plan to sell to the property next door to it. 521 Locust St. in Columbia was rebuilt but subsequently burned down again. It will be rehabilitated and turned into an affordable rental. 511 Avenue N in Columbia is demolished. They found environmental hazards but have cleaned it up. They are developing four parcels across from it with Habitat for Humanity. Ms. Zink noted that upgrades will be made to Maple Park which is near the property. Mr. Heiserman asked if there were upcoming properties. There is nothing specific yet, just inquiries.

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

The meeting schedule for 2023 was approved on a motion from Ms. Zink, second by Mr. Hess and unanimously approved.

Meeting schedule for 2023 – 3 rd Thursday of month at 8 a.m.	
March 16	August 17
April 20	September 21
May 18	October 19
June 15	November 16
July 20	December 21

Other Business: The next meeting of the Vacant Property Reinvestment Board will be held **March 16, 2023**, at 8 a.m. at the offices of the Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities, 28 Penn Square, 1st floor, Suite 200, Lancaster, PA and via the Zoom video conferencing platform.

Mr. Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Zink and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am.

Beth A. Dreyer-DeGoede, Secretary