

Lorain County Land Bank Report

Thank you for electing me to represent the Townships on the newly formed Lorain County Land Bank Board.

The first meeting was held on July 24, 2012. It was a short meeting where the Board voted to expand with the inclusion of a Township representative and a representative from the Building Industries Association. I felt truly welcomed with open arms by the Board. The goal is to get as many houses down as possible by the end of the year so the State would grant more funding in 2013.

The next meeting was to be held on September 18, 2012. Acting Director James Cordes cancelled the land bank meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2012. Cancellation is due to a light agenda and Mayor Ritenauer had a funeral to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for 11-20-12 at 9:30 a.m.

Although I have been given no criteria to get started, I am giving you the NSP3 criteria used by Community Development on other property demolitions.

1. Documentation regarding the Condemnation for each property to include photographs of the structure and any outbuilding included in the proposed demolition.
2. A letter from the Township Fire Chief certifying the Township's condemnation process has been followed and the structure is blighted and "unsafe for human habitation" according to the 3781 of the Ohio Revised code.
3. Documentation supporting the property is vacant i.e. Check with all the utility companies.
4. A resolution authorizing the Lorain County to demolish the property utilizing Land Bank funds.

I met with Pat Metzger from Community Development regarding additional criteria required for Agricultural properties. I haven't heard back from him as of this date.

Get your wish list together and work on the 4 items necessary to get your property considered for the program. Call me if you need any help.

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