MEETING MINUTES OF THE VACANT PROPERTY REINVESTMENT BOARD

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025, 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 Wednesday, August 21, 2025. 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: Bob Heiserman, Ed Fisher, Rick Martin and Heather Zink.

Staff members present: Justin Eby, Executive Director; Marisol Maldonado, Director of Housing and Community Development; Sean Krumpe, Community Development Program Manager, and Beth Dreyer-DeGoede, Secretary.

No Other members present.

Mr. Heiserman called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

There were no public comments.

The minutes of the June 2025 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Zink seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

There were no Hearings.

Communications: Mr. Krumpe was contacted by the bank that holds the mortgage for the property being discussed today. They had questions about the condemnation of the property, he referred them to the Manheim Borough. The 2 properties in Columbia Borough that have been approved for their 2nd blight determination have been approved by the Columbia Borough. The County Planning Commission will consider them at a later date. If approved, Mr. Krumpe will bring the properties back for a discussion about eminent domain.

Old Business

New Business:

 Consideration of first blight determination for 44 Crescent Drive in Manheim Borough for Property Acceptance into the Vacant Property Reinvestment Board Program. Property was approved into the program at our June 2025 meeting. Mr. Krumpe has contact with the owner's son. The owner is deceased. He knows the items that must be addressed for the property to be removed from the program. He has not communicated any remediation plan. A LCHRA inspector visited the site this week. Mr. Heiserman asked if we had been inside the property. We have not. The Borough has been inside as part of the condemnation process. Mr. Heiserman noted that bank foreclosure is typically a slow process, so we should continue to move ahead. Mr. Martin asked if the bank was a local bank as they may move faster, Mr. Krumpe is not certain. Mr. Martin made a motion to make the first determination of blight, Ms. Zink seconded and it was approved.

Other Business: Mr. Martin would like to see a spreadsheet of all properties accepted into the program along with a brief status report of each one. He would like this monthly. Mr. Krumpe also noted that 191 Falmouth Rd in Conoy Township is moving forward with eminent domain and we will remediate it.

The next meeting of the Vacant Property Reinvestment Board will be held September 18, 2025, 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.

Ms. Zink made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Fisher seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 am.

Beth Dreyer-DeGoede, Secretary