

INGHAM COUNTY LAND BANK FAST TRACK AUTHORITY

Minutes of the April 18, 2018 Special Board Meeting

Attendance

Members present: Treasurer Schertzing and Commrs Crenshaw, Grebner, Louney and Nolan
Members excused: None
Others present: Executive Director Jeanna Paluzzi, Tim Perrone, Alan Fox, County Assessor, CAHP: Mikki Droste, Rawley VanFossen, Liz ____; ECAC: Dr. Stan Parker

Minutes

1. Call to order

Chairman Schertzing called the meeting to order at 5:22 pm in conference rooms D&E of the Human Services building, 5303 South Cedar, Lansing.

2. Limited public comment

There was no public comment.

3. Resolution to transfer two improved and one vacant lots to Capital Area Housing Partnership

MOTION BY NOLAN, SECONDED BY CRENSHAW, TO PASS RESOLUTION AS WRITTEN.

Commissioner Crenshaw requested strikeouts in the future to indicate edits.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Resolution to transfer 1005 Bensch St to Eastside Community Action Center

Chair Schertzing invited Dr. Stan Parker to present the Eastside Community Action Center's (ECAC) interest in acquiring Land Bank properties. Dr. Parker indicated that ECAC is interested in acquiring 1005 Bensch and 1142 Dakin. ECAC has worked with the City of Lansing to clear out back taxes and fees on Ingham County properties over an extended period of time, and all is resolved now. Commissioner Nolan asked if this is the first time ECAC has purchased Land Bank property. Dr. Parker indicated that 1135 Dakin was the first property. The two proposed properties would be acquired for its affordable housing program. That program works with people in a two year process to remove barriers to homeownership. Commissioner Louney indicated that Dr. Parker brought his concerns to him and felt that ECAC got caught in a change in policy.

CRENSHAW MOVED, LOUNEY SECONDED MOVED TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO SELL 1005 BENSCH AND 1142 DAKIN AT THE LAND BANK'S MAY BOARD MEETING.

Commissioner Nolan suggested that staff prepare policy regarding property transfers to nongovernment organizations that addresses such topics as property tax payment status, conflicts of interest, relationship to employee or Board members, and annual reports on file, appropriate pricing. Commissioner Grebner suggested that rather than developing a policy attempting to capture the myriad types of conflicts, that staff simply describe in a memo the nature of the relationship. Chair Schertzing asked if we need to advise the neighborhood through a community forum. Commissioner Grebner said the difference lies in whether it is residential or commercial redevelopment.

Commissioner Crenshaw asked about the status of commercial transfer policy, that a 90 day timeline was discussed in January. Executive Director Paluzzi indicated that the request occurred at the February Board meeting and is slated for presentation at the May Board meeting.

GREBNER CALLED THE QUESTION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Limited public comment

CAHP Executive Director Mikki Droste thanked the Board for approving the transfer and looks forward to the rehab and new construction projects. Commissioner Nolan asked both CAHP and ECAC for copies of their last two annual reports.

Dr. Parker thanks the Board for the time to present and expressed the hope that the property sales would be approved next month.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.