

BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

Mr. Procsal called the meeting to order at 4:02pm. Those Committee members present included Mr. Procsal, Ms. Penrod, and Ms. Hughes. Also present included Matthew T. Hovey, Esquire, the Assistant Solicitor, and Charlie Weller, on behalf of the Department of Licensing and Inspections.

Ms. Penrod moved to adopt the Minutes from the June 15, 2022 meeting (bus tour); Ms. Hughes seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Weller and Mr. Hovey discussed the work being done to update the list and effectuate process on the outstanding notices. The properties listed on the Agenda did not require any further action by the Committee at this time.

Mr. Procsal next moved to public comment. Mr. Luke Johnson initiated a lengthy discussion with the Committee regarding the role of Blighted and what tools may be available to the Borough to address blight, including but not limited to eminent domain. The Assistant Solicitor reviewed the process for blighting properties and the limitations of Pennsylvania's Urban Redevelopment Law. Namely, that the process certifies properties as blighted and the ultimate authority for acquiring blighted properties lies with the County's Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Johnson also discussed with the Committee whether there is any role for private citizens in addressing blight.

Mr. Procsal adjourned the meeting at 4:55pm.