

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BERKS COUNTY BLIGHTED PROPERTY
REVIEW COMMITTEE**

November 18, 2025

Eileen Kastura, Chairman, called the meeting of the **BERKS COUNTY BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE (BPRC)** to order at approximately 2:32 P.M. on November 18, 2025. The meeting was held as a public meeting by way of the Zoom virtual platform and allowed for full Committee and public interaction during the meeting and hearings. The following Committee members were present during the meeting:

Eileen Kastura, Chairman
Denise Commings, Vice Chair
Ronald Heim, Secretary
Michael Rivera, County Commissioner
Lee Olsen, AIA

After Roll Call, the Chairman declared a quorum.

Also in attendance were:

Jowanna Gary, Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks
Pauline Klopp, Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks
Jaime Perez, Redevelopment Authority of the County of Berks
Joan E. London, Esquire, Kozloff Stoudt, P.C., Committee Solicitor
Matthew Schenkel, Court Reporter
Adam Bender, Township of Spring
Glenn Kraft, Kraft Municipal Group
Jeff Hogg, Kraft Municipal Group
William Frymoyer, Cumru Township
Steven James Symons
Brian Chudleigh, The Bright Group
Jeremy Shumard
Russell Farbiarz, Esquire, Antanavage & Farbiarz LLC
Priyank Vasoya
Patrick Owens
Beverly Owens
David Seibert
Brad Grauel
Kathy Hafer
"Lucas" (LNU)
Lisa Scheid, Spotlight PA
Jeffrey Birkmeyer

Upon Motion of Mr. Olsen, with a second by Ms. Commings, the Committee members present voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the meeting of September 25, 2025.

Chairman Kastura placed the following items of Old Business before the Committee:

A Determination Hearing was held on the property at 303 Summit Avenue, Cumru Township. After testimony presented, upon motion of Ron Heim, with a second by Lee Olsen, the decision was made to table a decision to a future meeting.

A Determination Hearing was held on the property at 19 Marie Drive, Township of Spring. After testimony presented, upon motion of Mr. Heim, with a second by Ms. Commings, the decision was made to table a decision to a future meeting.

Chairman Kastura placed the following items of New Business before the Committee:

- a. Authorization to send First Strike Letter to the owner of the property located at 297 N. Galen Hall Road, South Heidelberg Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Upon motion by Eileen Kastura and second by Commissioner Rivera, the Committee approved unanimously.
- b. Authorization to send First Strike Letter to the owner of the property located at 547 Adamstown Road, Spring Township, Berks County. Upon motion by Denise Commings and second by Lee Olsen, the Committee approved unanimously.
- c. Authorization to Advertise a Determination Hearing and send notice to the owner of the property located at 104 Furlow Road, Spring Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Hearing will be conducted at the next scheduled meeting on January 20, 2026. Upon motion by Eileen Kastura and second by Denise Commings, the Committee approved unanimously.
- d. Authorization to Advertise a Determination Hearing and send notice to the owner of the property located at 12 Open Hearth Drive, Cumru Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The Committee was advised by William Frymoyer that the property had been cleaned up. Upon motion by Commissioner Rivera with a second by Denise Commings, it was unanimously decided to remove the property from the program.
- e. Authorization to Advertise a Certification Hearing and send notice to the owner of the property located at 2037 Girard Avenue, Spring Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Hearing will be conducted at the next scheduled meeting on January 20, 2026. Upon motion by Commissioner Rivera and second by Lee Olsen, the Committee approved unanimously.
- f. Authorization to send a Blight Determination Resolution to owner for the property located at 1741 Paper Mill Road, Wyomissing Borough, Pennsylvania. Jeff Hogg advised that no permit applications had been received to date, but that windows had been replaced and there was a security company on site. Owner/Developer representatives were present

who advised that items had been addressed such as fire alarms and sprinklers, and they were keeping up with grass cutting, weeds, and trash. Upon Motion by Ron Heim, with a second by Lee Olsen, the Committee voted unanimously to remove the property from the program.

- g. Authorization to send a Second Blight Determination Resolution to the owner of the property located at 708 Chew Street, Borough of Hamburg (tabled in September). Amy Beakley, Borough Manager, stated that there had been no contact with the owner. Upon motion by Commissioner Rivera and second by Denise Commings, the Committee approved unanimously.
- h. Approval to advertise 2026 meeting dates for BPRC meetings. Upon motion by Eileen Kastura and second by Commissioner Rivera, the Committee approved unanimously.

Solicitor London addressed the following item:

a. 1306 Penn Avenue, Borough of Wyomissing - Brad Grauel was retained by the owners to prepare a plan. Since the property is commercial, according to Jeff Hogg, there will need to be approval from the Zoning Hearing Board for the redevelopment as a 4-unit residence, but no application has been filed to date.

b. 727 State Street, Borough of Hamburg - Attorney Russell Farbiarz represented the owner. He advised that payment was made to settle some of the municipal liens, which was pending approval. There is also an engineering report being forwarded to the Borough.

c. 1853 Old Lancaster Avenue - William Frymoyer reports that he has heard nothing from the owner. The matter will be back on the agenda in January for further action.

d. 103-105 E. Main Street, Kutztown Borough- No further developments

With no additional items of business or public comment, upon Motion of Eileen Kastura, second by Commissioner Rivera, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

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Ronald Heim, Secretary