

Richland Pulaski Comprehensive Plan Committee
May 11, 2017

Present: Dawn Holynski, Chair; Donna Gilson, Town Representative and Town Board. Maureen Anderson. **Absent:** Jodi Olson, Village; Selena Belzer, Town Representative. Guests: Jan Tighe and Robin Ford, Village Trustees.

Guest speaker: Steve Gaffney

The meeting began at 6:05 p.m. There was not a quorum of committee members; therefore, the April minutes were not read or voted.

Dawn introduced Steve Gaffney as board member to the Oswego County Land Bank.

Steve explained that land bank is a 501c3 nonprofit organization consisting of various bankers, elected and public officials, real estate, legal and development organizations. Kim Park is the executive director. The group is a separate entity from Oswego County government.

Steve explained that grants and donations are obtained to fund the Land Bank. 33% of the revenue is earmarked to City of Oswego, 33% to the City of Fulton and 33% to the rest of the county. The Land Bank acquires vacant or abandoned properties through tax foreclosure, donation or purchase.

When property is acquired, the Land Bank will seek information/evaluation from local service providers to make the property clean and safe for rehabilitation or to resell. If a property needs demolition, a competitive process by licensed professionals will be done.

The goal of the Land Bank is to seek the best use of a property, what is a good purpose of the property to make it purposeful to the community and get the property back on the tax rolls.

The Oswego County Land Bank meets the third Friday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Oswego County building, 4th floor. More information can be obtained regarding the Land Bank's policies and meetings on this website: www.oswegocountylandbank.com.

Other business: Dawn handed out edited copies of the draft 3 Conceptual Zoning Updates for review. At the June meeting the committee will continue reviewing and edit as needed.

Next meeting will be June 1, 2017, 6pm, H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse, upstairs courtroom.

Those in attendance were pleased to learn about the Land Bank and thanked Steve for coming to our meeting and were encouraged about the success the Land Bank will have throughout the county.

The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Holynski