

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PROPERTY STANDARDS COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2022

The Caddo Parish Property Standards Committee met in legal session on the above date at 2:00 p.m., in the Government Plaza Chambers, with Mr. Hopkins, Chairman, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Atkins, Hopkins, Johnson, and Lazarus (4). ABSENT: Commissioner Epperson (1).

The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given during the last committee meeting, so this committee decided to forgo it.

NEW BUSINESS

- Case No. 1: 9562 Wallace Lake Road, Shreveport

Mr. Wilson said that the mobile home with one house structure are dilapidated and falling in. The trailer has parts of walls missing with tarps placed over it. The roof on the house is falling in, and is open to the elements. Debris, junk, and inoperable vehicles are piled around the property.

This is the fifth time the property has been brought to the Property Standards Board, and the owner has attended all of the meeting. He was given ninety days to clean up the property on June 1, 2021 meeting, then given sixty days to clean it up at the October 18, 2021 meeting, then given another sixty days to clean it up at the March 14, 2022 meeting.

One inoperable boat has been removed by the owner; one old house structure has been demolished by the owner; and one inoperable car has been removed by the owner. Certified letters have been sent to the property owners and have been published in the Official Journal.

Mr. Donald Demarginy came before the Committee and said that he's been working to demolish the last structure that is on the property. He also mentioned that he's been in the hospital for the past forty-five days. He also said that he fixed the roofline on the trailer and plans to use it as a storage building.

Mr. Atkins wanted to know staff's recommendation at this time. Mr. Wilson said that it is his recommendation to work with Mr. Demarginy as he cleans up the property. He said that Mr. Demarginy is trying to clean up the property, but it is only him working on it.

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to follow staff's recommendations and continue to supervise the improvements and cleaning up of the property.*

Mr. Atkins said that he is not extending time, but would like to monitor and enforce cleaning up the property.

Mr. Hopkins said that this gives him concerns because he would like a "dead drop" date for this. Mr. Atkins understands.

At this time, Mr. Atkins' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Hopkins, and Lazarus (3). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

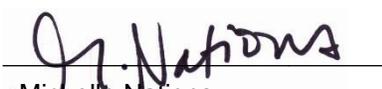
Mr. Atkins appreciates the work that's been done on the property and offered help, if needed.

- Case No. 2: 5136 Old Mooringsport Road, Shreveport, LA

Mr. Wilson said that the house structure is dilapidated and abandoned, along with a dilapidated shed and carport. The dwelling is open to the elements. Junk and debris are piled around the property. There are also two inoperable vehicles on the property. The structure is inhabitable. Certified letters have been sent to the property owners and have been published in the Official Journal. Mr. Wilson's recommendation is to demolish the property.

It was **moved by Mr. Johnson**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to accept the documents attached to Case No. 2 and accept Public Works recommendation to demolish the property. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Hopkins, Johnson, and Lazarus (4). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Epperson (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

There was no further discussion to come before the Commission, so the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.


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Assistant Commission Clerk