

**Bristol Tennessee Better Property Board  
Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2018**

**Members Present:**

Randall Cook, Vice-Chairman  
Wayne Humphrey  
John Cartwright  
Lonnie Barrett

**Staff/Others Present:**

Karl Cooler  
Cheyenne Powers

**Members Not Present**

Pamela Offield, Chairwoman

**Minutes**

With there being no changes to the minutes of the September 27, 2018 meeting, Wayne Humphrey motioned to approve the minutes as presented; John Cartwright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Preliminary Investigations**

None

**Public Hearing**

**A. 244 Forest Hills Drive**

The property owner, William and Peggy Cross were not present. The complaint was dilapidated vacant structure with vandalism and fire damage. Staff reported that they had been in discussion with Chuck Williams, the son-in-law of the owner, who indicated that the bank holding the lien on the property was not cooperating on the sale as the owner had hoped, so Mr. Williams requested that the public hearing be extended. Staff suggested that an order to demolish be issued which would allow the owner sixty (60) days to complete the demolition and hopefully make arrangements with their bank on the sale of the property.

Ronnie Booher, 232 Forest Hills Drive, stated that the subject house had been vacant for years. Mr. Booher stated his opinion that the house was not habitable.

Wayne Humphrey made a motion to issue an order to demolish due to unfit living conditions, damage caused by fire, dilapidated unsanitary conditions and damage assessment was more than sixty-two point nine percent (62.9%) of the house value; John Cartwright seconded the motion.

Michael Parker, 241 Forest Hills Drive, indicated that his property was adjacent to the subject property and that he had discussed with the owner his interest in the land, but was waiting to see if a lien was placed on the property.

At this time a vote count was held and the motion carried unanimously.

**B. 175 Springdale Road**

The property owner, James Gentry, was present. The complaint was fire damaged structure with inoperable/unregistered vehicles. Taxes were current. Staff reported that contact had been made with the owner and he was present at this meeting to update the Board.

James Gentry, owner of the property, indicated that he had someone interested in purchasing the property and an agreement had been made, they were just waiting on the attorney to complete the paperwork for the sale.

Michael Payne indicated that he lived on the property adjacent to the subject property. Mr. Payne stated that he was the interested party Mr. Gentry referred to and it was his intention to purchase the subject property to repair the house back to habitable condition for a home for he and his wife to live. Mr. Payne indicated that he was a carpenter and planned to repair the house himself.

Mr. Cooler suggested that the Board allow Mr. Payne time to close on purchasing the property before requesting a progress report.

Wayne Humphrey made a motion to continue this public hearing at the December 6, 2018 meeting; John Cartwright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Trash and Debris**

None

**Old Business**

None

**Progress Report**

**A. 98 E. State Street**

The property owner, Mitch Skaggs, was not present. The complaint was dilapidated and unsafe structure. Staff stated that since Mr. Skaggs had purchased, he had secured the property and continued to maintain the property. Due to Mr. Skaggs purchasing this property, staff indicated they felt that the property would no longer be a code enforcement issue and recommended that the file on this property be closed.

John Cartwright made a motion to close the file on this case; Lonnie Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. 405 Taylor Street**

The property owner, Randy and Susan Spangler, were not present. The complaint was dilapidated house with unsafe electrical, defective plumbing and lack of a heat source. Taxes were current. Staff reported that Mr. Spangler’s previous plans were to repair the house and sell it, but staff was informed that Mr. Spangler had recently indicated that his daughter planned to live in the house once it was repaired. Staff stated that the house was secured and a permit had been issued with repairs progressing. Staff suggested that a progress report be held in January.

John Cartwright made a motion to hold a progress report at the January 24, 2019 meeting: Wayne Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Future Progress Reports**

98 E. State Street                    12-06-18  
2005 Windsor Avenue                12-06-18

**Other Business**

Mr. Karl Cooler suggested that the November 22, 2018 meeting be moved to December 6, 2018 and that the December 27, 2018 meeting be cancelled due to these meetings falling on or near holidays.

John Cartwright made a motion to move the November 22, 2018 meeting to December 6, 2018 meeting due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and to waive the December 27, 2018 meeting due to the Christmas Holiday; Wayne Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.



Randall Cook  
Vice-Chairman