

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors, Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation

FROM: Brendan Mehaffy, Chairperson

SUBJECT: **Resolution #2019-11 Permission to Sign Grant of Easement Agreement to National Grid at 36 Longnecker**

DATE: February 22, 2019

DISCUSSION:

The Buffalo Erie Niagara Land Improvement Corporation (“BENLIC”) acquired the property at 36 Longnecker Street, City of Buffalo via the City of Buffalo Homesteading Program. The property was acquired with intent to construct two detached single-family homes within the Lovejoy Community.

BENLIC secured the architectural services of Conway and Company Architects via BENLIC Board of Director Resolution #2017-65 to design, prepare architectural drawings, and gain the required site-plan approvals to initiate new housing construction on the parcel. In August 2018, BENLIC awarded a bid for construction services via BENLIC Board of Director Resolution #2019-52.

To move forward with bringing electrical service to the site, National Grid requires an easement on the BENLIC property. As this action this is technically an encumbrance of real property, the BENLIC Board of Directors must authorize the Executive Director to sign the Grant of Easement Agreement pursuant to the Land Bank Act and section 1(A.)(5)(5) of the rules and procedures. BENLIC Counsel has reviewed and approved the Agreement.

ACTION:

The Board of Directors is hereby requested to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the BENLIC Board of Directors authorizes National Grid to establish an easement at 36 Longnecker, City of Buffalo (SBL #112.57-2-19.11) for the benefit of providing electrical service to the property; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that Executive Director Jocelyn Gordon and BENLIC legal counsel are authorized to take any and all necessary actions and execute the necessary documents to sign the agreement.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.