



Negaunee Downtown Development Authority Special Meeting March 27, 2023 Minutes

The Negaunee Downtown Development Authority was called to order by DDA Chairman Gary Nelson at 5:30 PM, on March 27, 2023. Present were authority Members Gary Nelson, Pete Munson, Marybeth Kurtz, Mike Ridenour, and Nate Heffron. Absent: Blake Becker and Ryan Nummela.

DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz made a motion to approve the minutes from January 23rd, 2023. Seconded by DDA Member Mike Ridenour. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Nate Heffron and Consultant Mona Lang gave an update on the financials.

DDA Member Nate Heffron and Consultant Mona Lang gave a presentation for final approval and recommendation to the City Council on the Downtown Enhancement Project. Several questions were addressed from the board and the public.

DDA Member Mike Ridenour made a motion to approve the overall design and to recommend to the City Council the Downtown Enhancement Project. Seconded by DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Nate Heffron and Consultant Mona Lang gave an update on Heikki Lunta. Financials show that only a few sponsorships have not been received yet. Heikki Lunta 2024 will be held on February 2-3.

DDA Consultant Mona Lang presented to the board a purchase agreement to obtain licensing from ASCAP. ASVAP is a company that provides licensing for music held by other artists to be played in public. Discussion led to the possibility of additional licenses being purchased by several other service providers as well, since ASCAP will only covers a limited variation of songs. The motion has been tabled until next month.

DDA Member Nate Heffron presented changes to the Irotunes 2023 program. It was suggested that no street closures for the event will happen this season. Cornhole boards will be placed throughout the downtown area. Businesses will be encouraged to place their own boards on their property. Fifteen in total (15), \$100.00 grants will be made available to businesses within the TIF #1 and Tif #2 District to help reimburse the cost of local musicians that play on sight for Thursday nights, starting July 13th and ending on August 17th, from 4-8.

DDA Member Pete Munson made a motion to approve the Itontunes 2023 Program as presented. Seconded by DDA Member Mike Ridenour. Motion Passed.

DDA Consultant Mona Lang provided an update to the board on Irontown Classic Car Show. The event will be held on September 9th from 11am to 3pm and will utilize as much of Iron Street that may be available. Lang suggested that the board support the event but not to provide any financial incentives because the group running the event appears to not need funding currently.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave a brief report on the downtown property updates.
The next DDA meeting will be April 24, 2023.



Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.



Nate Heffron