**Negaunee Downtown Development Authority Special Meeting**

**November 28, 2022 Minutes**

The Negaunee Downtown Development Authority was called to order by DDA Chairman Gary Nelson at 5:31 PM, on November 28th, 2022. Present were authority Members Gary Nelson, Marybeth Kurtz, Pete Munson, Ryan Nummela, Blake Becker, Mike Ridenour, Ben Snapp, and Nate Heffron. Absent: Haley Thomas.

DDA members welcomed new DDA Member Blake Beker to the board.

DDA Consultant Lang notified the DDA that DDA Member Haley Thomas had relayed to her in an email that she was resigning.

DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz made a motion to except the resignation of DDA Member Haley Thomas. Seconded by DDA Member Ryan Nummela. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Pete Munson made a motion to approve the minutes from October 24th, 2022. Seconded by DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave an update on the financials.

DDA Member Mike Ridenour made a motion to accept the financial report. Seconded by DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Nate Heffron and Consultant Lang provided lighting options for the street lighting related to the RAP Grant project to the DDA.

DDA Member Ryan Nummela made a motion to submit option (LA 163) as the primary lamp head choice by the DDA with an alternative of option (BVA2401), and to submit option (3) as the bollard choice, with option (2) as an alternative. (See attached document). Seconded by DDA Member Mike Ridenour. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave an update on the Heikki Lunta logo and the DDA’s efforts in securing a trademark. It was relayed that it would be an overwhelming cost to secure a trademark right on all classes related to the logo under trademark law. It was further discussed that t-shirt at a minimum should be sought out for a trademark.

DDA Member Pete Munson made a motion to narrow the trademarking to items to the class that includes t-shirts. Seconded by DDA Member Ryan Nummela. Motion Passed.

The DDA reviewed a Commercial Rehabilitation District Tax abatement application for Argall Real Estate Group (DBA Argall Reality).

DDA Member Mike Ridenour made a motion to recommend to the City Council that Argall Real Estate Group (DBA Argall Reality) be granted a 6-year tax abatement as afforded under the Negaunee Commercial Rehabilitation District Tax Abatement Program. Seconded by Ryan Nummela. Motion Passed.

DDA Members Nate Heffron and Pete Munson provided an update on the Tinseltown event.

DDA Member Nate Heffron and Consultant Lang provided an update on the Heikki Lunta event.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave a brief report on the downtown property updates.

Public Comment: Anna Mattson commented on fencing to be constructed at the Jackson Mine Playground.

Board member Comments: Pete Munson thanked former DDA Member Haley Thomas for her service.

The next DDA meeting in December has been canceled.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

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Nate Heffron