**Negaunee Downtown Development Authority**

**February 28, 2022 Minutes**

The Negaunee Downtown Development Authority was called to order by DDA Chairman Gary Nelson at 5:32 PM, on February 28th, 2022. Present were authority Members Nate Heffron, Gary Nelson, Marybeth Kurtz, Mike Ridenour, Pete Munson, Haley Thomas, Ben Snapp, and Ryan Nummela. Absent: None.

DDA Member Ryan Nummela made a motion to approve the minutes from January 24, 2022. Seconded by DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz. Motion Passed.

Consultant Mona Lang and DDA Member Nate Heffron gave financial update to the board.

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

The DDA reviewed two applications for the Downtown Economic Development Grants:

A. 340 Iron Street (Love and Bicycles)

DDA Member Mike Ridenour made a motion to award a $25,000 grant request to 340 Iron Street. Seconded by DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz. Motion Passed.

B. 432 Iron Street (Casa della Nonnina LLC)

DDA Member Mike Ridenour made a motion to award a $25,000 grant request to 323 Iron Street. Seconded by DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz gave a short prestation on the status of the Negaunee Beautification Committee. DDA Chairman Gary Nelson asked for her to bring back a formal request to the DDA.

DDA Member Nate Heffron made a presentation and project funding request to the DDA to support the Jackson Mine Park Playground project.

DDA Member Mike Ridenour made a motion to support the expenditure of $5000 grant the Jackson Mine Park Playground project. Seconded by DDA Member Ryan Nummela. Motion Passed.

Consultant a Mona Lang gave an update on Heikki Lunta revenues and expenses, the event netted a positive balance for the year.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave a report on the Community Affairs and Events Committee of the DDA.

The DDA had a discussion on the establishment of a Social District. If established the city could set boundaries, times, and regulations on where open alcoholic beverages could be carried and consumed outside on public locations. Consultant a Mona Lang was directed to obtain more information on the process for further discussion.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave an update of all the new businesses moving in downtown and prospective businesses they have been in talks with.

Public Comment: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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Nate Heffron