**Negaunee Downtown Development Authority Special Meeting**

**August 22, 2022 Minutes**

The Negaunee Downtown Development Authority was called to order by DDA Chairman Gary Nelson at 5:33 PM, on August 22nd, 2022. Present were authority Members, Mike Ridenour, Gary Nelson, Marybeth Kurtz, Pete Munson, Ben Snapp, and Nate Heffron. Absent: Haley Thomas and Ryan Nummela (Ill).

DDA Member Marybeth Kurtz made a motion to approve the minutes from June 27th, 2022. Seconded by DDA Member Mike Ridenour. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave an update on the Social District. The district is hoped to be opened by mid-September.

The DDA reviewed one application for the Downtown Economic Development Grant:

A. 304 Iron Street (Shea Block)

DDA Member Mike Ridenour made a motion to award a $25,000 grant request to 304 Iron Street. Seconded by DDA Member Pete Munson. Recused: DDA Member Ben Snapp. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave a brief update on the Irontunes event.

The DDA discussed when Tinsel Town 2022 would take place, it was decided Saturday, December 10th, 4pm-8pm.

The DDA was reminded about committee meetings that will take place on September 26.

DDA Member Nate Heffron gave an update of the new businesses moving in downtown and prospective businesses they have been in talks with. He also disused that a streetscape project will be brought in October for further discussion.

Public Comment: Anna Mattson commented on access to water during the streetscape project and if the Negaunee Beautification Committee (NBC) could have some input. She also commented on how she felt the city was moving too far away from our mining roots with the DDA’s marketing and branding plan.

Board Comments: DDA Member Heffron responded to Anna Mattson’s comments and assured her that water access is being built in to all aspect of the streetscape and that the NBC would be invited to give comment on the overall plan. He also commented that DDA’s marketing and branding plan has provision built with in it to pay tribute to Negaunee’s mining heritage and that a copy of the plan would be sent to her.

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Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

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Nate Heffron