



## **Negaunee Downtown Development Authority January 24, 2019 Minutes**

The Negaunee Downtown Development Authority was called to order by Nate Heffron at 6:05 PM, on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the Negaunee Senior Center. Present were authority members Nate Heffron, Gary Nelson, Pete Munson, Haley Thomas, Jeff Plummer, Maryhanna Ockerman, Darrell Barber, and Marybeth Kurtz. Absent: Scott Soeltner. Also, in attendance, Dave Nelson, Negaunee Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Nate Heffron welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their interest in restarting the Negaunee Downtown Development Authority, each member introduced themselves.

John Iacoangeli of Beckett and Raeder gave an orientation on DDA's in Michigan, this information included: roles and responsibilities, by-laws, relationships with the City Council, roles as a public developer, and finance/funding responsibilities.

Heffron stated that in the coming months that the DDA will be tasked with developing new by-laws, creating a Downtown Plan, considering a Tax Increment Finance District, and reviewing and making recommendations on a streetscape project.

Mr. Iacoangeli provided information regarding the yearly reporting requirements that the recently updated state laws require of DDAs.

Tim Knutsen of Beckett and Raeder gave an update to the DDA on the status of the streetscape project that he has been working on for the City of Negaunee over the past few months. The DDA reviewed Mr. Kristen's preliminary plans and gave feedback. The DDA will review these plans once again at their February meeting.

Heffron presented a date of February 25, 2019, for the next meeting date of the DDA, proper notice will be given ahead of time.

Public Comment: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.



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Nate Heffron