



## **Negaunee Downtown Development Authority November 25, 2019 Minutes**

The Negaunee Downtown Development Authority was called to order by Nate Heffron at 6:02 PM, on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the Negaunee Senior Center. Present were authority members Nate Heffron, Maryhanna Ockerman, Jeff Plummer, Pete Munson, Marybeth Kurtz, Darrell Barber, and Haley Thomas. Absent: Scott Soeltner and Gary Nelson.

DDA Member Jeff Plummer made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by DDA member Haley Thomas. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Haley Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings held on the following dates: October 28, 2019. Seconded by DDA member Pete Munson. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Heffron gave an update on the TIF expansion and a timeline of which events will take place to get to the end goal of the TIF expansion.

Discussion was held on the proposed DDA Bylaws. The following took place during this discussion:

DDA Member Heffron began to run-through the bylaws as presented.

DDA Member Pete Munson made a motion to amend Article IV, Section 7, to specifically state that the Treasurer was a “non-voting member”. Seconded by DDA member Haley Thomas. Motion Passed. *(Discussion was held to make the Treasurer position a non-voting member because the position was to be held by the Accountant/City Clerk. Since this individual is not a member of the DDA Board they would not be eligible for voting status. The Treasure position will be treated as professional staff that furnished reports to the DDA Board)*

DDA Member Pete Munson made a motion to amend Article XI, to change the language to the following: { These rules may be altered, amended or repealed and new rules may be adopted by 2/3 of the sitting members of the DDA Board at any regular meeting if written notice is given in advance of the intention to alter, amend or repeal or to adopt new rules at such meeting, and sufficient quorum exists. The full nature of the rule change shall be included in the notice.} Seconded by DDA member Marybeth Kurtz. Motion Passed.



DDA Member Pete Munson made a motion to move the “Treasurer” position located on the organizational chart to be placed under the “professional staff” location. Seconded by DDA member Haley Thomas. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Pete Munson made a motion to adopt the DDA Bylaws as amended. Seconded by DDA member Haley Thomas. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Haley Thomas proposed the DDA sponsoring activities for the annual Heikki Lunta event. Her suggestions center around showcasing firefighter games. She is requesting no funds from the DDA and is only asking permission to proceed. If she is given permission, she will attempt to gather participation from local fire departments and obtain sponsors to fund the event. She will work close with the City Manager to obtain all permits and ensure all City policies and regulations are fulfilled. In addition, DDA Member Maryhanna Ockerman expressed interest in assisting with this event.

DDA Member Nate Heffron made a motion to allow DDA member Haley Thomas to proceed with her presented event for Heikki Lunta. Second by DDA member Maryhanna Ockerman. Motion Passed.

DDA Member Heffron gave an update on projects occurring in the downtown area that the group should be aware of. Projects included the upcoming Senior Center Project, rehabilitation being done on the Vista, four façade projects, and the addition of the community pavilion.

The Next DDA meeting will be on January 27, 2020, at 6:00PM, at the Senior Center.

Public Comment:

Dana Lalonde: Expressed interest in assisting with the Heikki Lunta event.

Bill Hendrickson: Made comments on the importance of continuity of the dates with Heikki Lunta.

Dave Kangas: Made comments about possibly having a polar plunge at a future Heikki Lunta event.

Nate Heffron: Thanked Marybeth Kurtz for her service on the DDA. He stated this would be her last meeting because her term had ended and that the DDA will be looking for a replacement.



Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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Nate Heffron