



Negaunee Downtown Development Authority September 17, 2020 Minutes

The Negaunee Downtown Development Authority was called to order by DDA Chairman Gary Nelson at 5:46 PM, on September 17th, 2020, at the Negaunee Ice Arena. Present were authority Members Nate Heffron, Jeff Plummer, Gary Nelson, Scott Soeltner (via Zoom), and Haley Thomas. Absent: Maryhanna Ockerman, Jeremy Poch, and Pete Munson

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

DDA Member Haley Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings held on the following dates: August 17, 2020. Seconded by DDA Member Jeff Plummer. Motion Passed.

Discussion was held on the City Council's plan to create a Commercial Rehabilitation District that overlays the DDA TIF #1. Initial concerns about how tax abatement may effect the financial standing of the DDA were discussed. The DDA concurred in the end, that this would be a necessary move to spawn economic development in downtown Negaunee, preserve buildings, and to allow property owners to take advantage of MEDC grants.

DDA Member Haley Thomas made a motion to send a letter of recommendation to the City Council to establish the Commercial Rehabilitation District. With the request that the DDA would be able to review all applications and be afforded the ability to send a recommendation on each application who requests an abatement. Seconded by DDA Member Jeff Plummer. Motion Passed

Economic Development Committee: A report was given on this committee's business.

DDA Consultant Mona Lang gave an update on her actions since the last meeting and received some feedback and direction from the DDA.

The Next DDA meeting will be on October 26, 2020, at 5:30PM, this meeting will also serve as in informational meeting as prescribed by law.

Public Comment: None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.



Nate Heffron