

**Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority Special Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Thursday, October 26, 2017**

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The special meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Thursday, October 26, 2017 in the Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 6:00 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, Tracey Magnuson, Sandy Arsenault, Carrie Meyer, Justin Koski, and Mark Slown (6).

Absent: Jay Clancey, David Aro, Teresa Perry, Anne Giroux, and Rosemarie Strom (5). Also present was Jim Lampman, Mayor Joseph Juidici, and Council Members Karl Lehmann and Mike Tonkin.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

PROJECT EMPIRE PRESENTATION

John Iacoangeli, Christy Summers, and Morgan Haffey from Beckett and Raeder and Greg Presley from Presley Architecture, presented their findings.

John Iacoangeli explained Project Empire would assist communities with economic development opportunities to offset the impacts of the mine closure and to assist with creating a vision for the future and to help with possible funding sources. He asked for input from the DDA and the public present and created a list from the comments which included downtown and community assets and issues.

There was discussion regarding the suggestion of closing Hematite Drive to vehicular traffic so traffic would be re-routed through the downtown; the benefits of the Iron Ore Heritage Trail; the Lake Bancroft Pavilion Project; and the value of the Mining Museum to the community. It was also noted there was an over-abundance of parking in the downtown.

Mr. Iacoangeli also explained the possible creation of a National Register of Historic Places Multiple Resource Nomination for the downtown and the possible benefits it would provide to property owners. It would be strictly voluntary for the property owners and if guidelines were followed it could afford a 20% tax credit.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Aro, supported by Mr. Aeh and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary