

NEGAUNEE TOWNSHIP

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

September 20, 2016 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM

Roll Call: Members Present: Mike Lempinen, Kevin Jokinen, Greg Johnson

Members Absent: Jim Thams, Eugene Maki

Others Present: Nick Leach, Russ Williams

Approval of the minutes from the August 23, 2016 meeting—Approval was delayed due to technology issues.

Approval of the agenda: motion by Kevin – support by Mike, all in favor.

Public Comment: Russ Williams will be listing the property soon. He has a meeting scheduled with a realtor within the next week.

Sawmill Road Demolition

Nick Leach lead the discussion on options the BRA has for demolition of the structure. Leach explained highlights from a meeting with Jenn Tucker of the DEQ that specializes in Brownfields. Noting that Public Act 381 allows for a 5 year grace period between starting a brownfield plan and collecting tax increment financing (TIF) on the property.

Sample request for proposals (RFP) from the County Land Bank and previous Twp. projects were reviewed. Discussion about having the bids go through the property owner and have the BRA reimburse after completion was discussed. It was noted that this is how the 162 Midway Project was done and it went very well. The BRA asked Mr. Williams how he felt about doing this approach, Williams replied that he was interested in doing the demolition this way and could begin obtaining bids right away.

Motion to approve Russ Williams obtain demolition proposal bids and have the BRA reimburse upon completion by Greg Johnson, Seconded by Mike Lempinen. Motion passed unanimously.

The Brownfield Plan drafted by TriMedia and how the BRA should proceed with adoption was discussed. Nick Leach explained the procedure for a Public Hearing. Leach told the BRA that he will begin setting up a mailing list and publication template for the meeting and will follow up with the BRA via email to set a date for the Public Hearing.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Lempinen, Seconded by Greg Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.