

**Approved Minutes of the
Liquor Control Review Board
Tuesday, October 22, 2013 - 7:30 p.m.
Village Hall - Room 215**

Present: Commissioners John Lipic, Jeanette Mancusi, Jane Miller and Sara Spivy; Chair Victoria Scaman; Village Clerk Teresa Powell

Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant Village Attorney Simone Boutet; Stu Cohen, Lou Malnati's; Richard Haymaker, Illinois Liquor Control Commission

Call to Order: Chair Scaman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda Approval

It was moved and seconded to move Item 6, New Business ahead of Item 5, Old Business. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 24, 2013. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented.

New Business

A. Richard Haymaker, Illinois Liquor Control Commission

Mr. Haymaker discussed the roles of the Liquor Control Commissioner, the Board of Trustees and the role of the Liquor Control Review Board regarding the issuance of liquor licenses. He also discussed grounds for denying a liquor license to an applicant and revocation of a liquor license.

B. B-4 Liquor License for Luma Ltd., d/b/a Lou Malnati's Pizzeria

Assistant Village Attorney Simone Boutet discussed confirmation of ownership of 1038 Lake Street and ownership interests in Luma Ltd., d/b/a/ Lou Malnati's Pizzeria with Stu Cohen, partner of Lou Malnati's. Ms. Boutet requested that documentation regarding leasing of the premises be forwarded to her. Mr. Cohen answered questions regarding the layout.

It was moved and seconded to approve recommendation for a B-4 Restaurant Lounge Liquor License to Luma Ltd., d/b/a Lou Malnati's Pizzeria pending receipt of accurate application with minor corrections as discussed, lease and fingerprinting.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Lipic, Mancusi, Miller, and Spivy; Chair Scaman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion was approved.

C. Review and Determination of Recommendation on Brew Pub License Ordinance

Mr. Haymaker spoke about laws regarding distribution of beer by brew pubs. He stated that beer manufactured by the applicant at their Oak Park facility may be shared with their other locations for sale on the premises according to state law. Mr. Haymaker discussed craft brewer licenses. Ms. Boutet stated the applicant was not interested in obtaining that license. Production will not exceed 5,000 barrels per year. Hours of operation were discussed. Chair Scaman indicated that there should be a level of consistency with other establishments regarding hours that liquor can be sold on weekends. There was a discussion regarding the distinction between a restaurant and a bar and also the lounge/restaurant language from the B-4 license. Ms. Boutet stated that she was attempting to allow them an area which is strictly a lounge in addition to the restaurant. She added that she tried to mimic the state's language while drafting the local ordinance. Chair Scaman commented that the definition of a restaurant is to always have food available, regardless of the seating.

It was moved and seconded to approve recommendation of the Brew Pub License Ordinance pending the change of open hours to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday and the definition of restaurant to include the ability to sell alcohol in all areas of the establishment.

The roll call was a follows:

AYES: Commissioners Lipic, Mancusi, Miller, and Spivy; Chair Scaman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion was approved.

D. Approve 2014 Work Plan

Village Clerk Powell noted that this is basically a continuance of operation as usual with the addition of the completion of the ordinance review by the end of 2014.

It was moved and seconded to approve the 2014 Work Plan.

The roll call was a follows:

AYES: Commissioners Lipic, Mancusi, Miller, and Spivy; Chair Scaman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion was approved.

Old Business

A. Liquor Ordinance Review Update

Chair Scaman stated that Ms. Boutet drafted a memo to Trustee Salzman stating all concerns discussed by the LCRB, noting that these proposed changes shared the Village Board's desire to make Oak Park more business friendly. Ms. Boutet noted that she planned on adding opening and closing hours at the end of each license type section. She also spoke about items discussed during her meeting with Chair Scaman and Trustee Salzman. Village Clerk Powell raised the subject of a procedure manual for the LCRB. Ms. Boutet stated that she may be able to address this after the ordinance is updated.

Board Member Comments

Village Clerk Powell reminded the LCRB that the next meeting would be the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and asked if there were any conflicts.

Annual Renewals

It was moved and seconded to approve the annual renewal of Leona's Pizzeria and Grace Episcopal Church.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Lipic, Mancusi, Miller, and Spivy; Chair Scaman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion was approved.

It was moved and seconded to table the annual renewal of Marion Street Grille. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m. Tuesday, October 22, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

MaryAnn Schoenneman
Recording Secretary