



**Minutes of the Liquor Control Review Board  
Thursday, May 3, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.  
Village Hall – Room 124**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Chair Sarah Corbin  
**Present:** Chair Sarah Corbin, Member Emily Masalski, and Member Todd Kuna  
**Absent:** Members Timothy Thomas and Melody Kratz  
**Also Present:** Village Attorney Paul Stephanides and Assistant Development Customer Services Director Cameron Davis
3. **Agenda Approval:**  

A motion was made by Member Masalski and seconded by Member Kuna to approve the Agenda as presented.

The motion was approved by voice vote and the agenda was approved.
4. **Minutes Approval:**  

Discrepancy in title (Assistant Development Customer Services Director). Minutes amended.

A motion was made by Member Masalski and seconded by Member Kuna to approve the amended minutes of the October 27, 2022 special remote meeting of the Liquor Control Review Board ("LCRB").

The motion was approved by voice vote and the minutes, as amended, were approved.
5. **Public Comment:**  

None.
6. **New Business:**
  - A. **Application of Comedy Plex LLC, DBA Comedy Plex for Amendments to the Class D-9 Liquor License Classification and for the Issuance of a Class D-9 Liquor License to Comedy Plex LLC.**

Paul Cary (owner) and Marz Timms (owner) presented the application. The two

additional owners are Christopher Bell and Sherman Edwards. The establishment would be located at 1128 Lake Street, Lower Level, below the Chipotle restaurant in a 7,000 square foot space. The owners have over 25 years of experience in the entertainment industry. The proposed 150-seat comedy club would bring touring comedians to Oak Park and would also offer comedy and theatre classes. The owners have been working with the Village on the project for 2½ years. Light snacks will be available and outside food will be allowed. Downtown restaurants have indicated support.

Shows would be about 90 minutes in length. There would be a two-drink minimum, but non-alcoholic drinks would be offered in addition to alcoholic beverages. There would be no bar seating. All drinks will be served at tables. No one under 21 allowed without parent or guardian.

The opening plan is late June 2023 for a soft opening and after Labor Day for the official opening, depending upon construction. No other D-9 licenses have been issued.

A motion was made by Member Emily Masalski to approve the application of Comedy Plex LLC, DBA Comedy Plex for Amendments to the Class D-9 Liquor License Classification and for the Issuance of a Class D-9 Liquor License to Comedy Plex LLC consistent with the ordinance and the amended date. Member Kuna seconded the motion.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Kuna, Masalski, Corbin

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

**B. Application of Kettlestrings Kitchen & Tap, Inc., DBA Betty's Pizza and Pasta for a Catering Class A-4 Liquor License.**

Kettlestring's Kitchen & Tap, Inc., DBA Betty's Pizza & Pasta ("Kettlestrings") has operated a restaurant at 1103 South Boulevard since March 2022. Kettlestrings also operates Kettlestrings Tavern at 800 S. Oak Park Avenue, which has been in operation since March 2020.

Rob Guenthner represented Kettlestrings. Due to increasing interest in catering services, Kettlestrings has decided to pursue the license classification.

A motion was made by Member Masalski to approve the application of Kettlestrings Kitchen & Tap, Inc., DBA Betty's Pizza and Pasta for a Catering Class A-4 Liquor License. Member Kuna seconded the motion.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Kuna, Masalski, Corbin  
NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

**C. April and May 2023 Renewals.**

A motion was made by Member Kuna to approve all the April and May 2023 renewals. Member Masalski seconded the motion.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Kuna, Masalski, Corbin  
NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

**7. Old Business:**

None.

**8. Administrative Report:**

**A. Liquor Tax Collections.**

Presentation by Cameron Davis, Assistant Development Customer Services Director, regarding totals and trends of liquor tax collection. Local liquor tax for the Village of Oak Park is 3%. Taxes are remitted monthly online or in person. There are late penalties. Non-profits do not pay taxes. Liquor tax collection totals are trending up. There are new applications for liquor licenses in process.

**9. Board Member Comments:**

Member Kuna commented it was good to be in person. Everyone concurred.

Village Attorney Stephanides clarified that Bassett training is good for three years.

**10. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Member Kuna to adjourn the meeting. Member Masalski seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn was approved by voice vote at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul L. Stephanides, Board Liaison and Recording Secretary