

**Minutes of the Liquor Control Review Board
Tuesday, July 23, 2019 - 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:**

Present: Chair Jane Miller and members Sarah Corbin, Vanessa Matheny, and Todd Kuna

Absent: Lyn Conniff

Also Present: Deputy Liquor Commissioner Vicki Scaman, Village Attorney Paul Stephanides and Development Customer Services Department Assistant Director Cameron Davis

3. **Agenda Approval**

It was moved by Member Kuna and seconded by Member Matheny to approve the Agenda as presented. A voice vote was taken and the motion was adopted.

4. **Public Comment**

None.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Member Kuna and seconded by Member Corbin to adopt the minutes of the Liquor Control Review Board (“LCRB”) regular meeting of May 28, 2019. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were adopted.

6. **New Business**

A. **Thai Neighbor Application for a Class B-2 Liquor License at 250 Chicago Avenue**

Champ Akkarapol of Thai Neighbor presented the application. Mr. Akkarapol also operates another restaurant in Elgin named Thai Zie Noodles & Bar for which he has a liquor license. The food will be ordered at the counter and delivered to the table. Beer and wine will be served. The capacity of the restaurant is 19 people. Thai Neighbor plans to open around the holidays in 2019. All staff members who serve alcoholic liquors, including Mr. Akkarapol, will be Bassett trained.

A motion was made by Member Matheny and seconded by Member Corbin to recommend approval of Class B-2 Liquor License for Thai Neighbor.

The roll call was as follows:
AYES: Members Miller, Corbin, Matheny, and Kuna
NAYS: None
The motion was adopted.

B. August 2019 Renewals

The August 2019 annual liquor license renewals were presented. All renewals for liquor licenses are up to date on alcoholic liquor tax payments.

A motion was made by Member Matheny and seconded by Member Kuna to approve the annual renewals.

The roll call was as follows:
AYES: Members Miller, Matheny, Corbin, and Kuna
NAYS: None
The motion was adopted.

C. Kelly O'Connor: Wednesday Journal, Positive Youth Development Coordinator for Oak Park Township, regarding Underage Drinking

An article was published in *The Wednesday Journal* dated July 10, 2019 titled Cops Cracking Down on Alcohol Sales to Minors which featured the Oak Park River Forest Workgroup for Positive Youth Development. The Workgroup was established in 2015 to provide guidance for youth to make positive and healthy choices to lead alcohol-free lives. The Positive Youth Development received a federal grant through Oak Park Township for compliance checks to address underage drinking. The Township will offer free BASSET training. Oak Park police officers will be paid overtime for compliance checks. All liquor license establishments will have a compliance check. An adult, a police officer and a minor will be part of each compliance check. The minor will not have a fake ID. The officer will monitor whether the minor is carded and then served. In 2018, 65 checks were done on businesses that had a liquor license. A message is being sent to businesses that the community is taking underage drinking seriously.

Vicki Scaman stated the Village was identified for the grant per results of an assessment report from a student survey on consumption of alcoholic liquors. The LCRB has a role in the education of the community and businesses with regarding to alcohol use by minors. Three factors that lead to alcoholic liquor abuse by minors are permissiveness, peer pressure and access.

D. Review of BYO Liquor License Classification

The BYO Liquor License Classification discussion was tabled.

E. Provision of Alcoholic Liquors as part of a Promotion at Retail/Business Establishments

Staff and the LCRB will continue to monitor promotional events at which alcoholic liquors are promoted as part of the event by businesses that do not have liquor licenses and inform the businesses they cannot do so as it is illegal in Oak Park.

7. Old Business

None.

8. Administrative Report

Spilt Milk will seek a C-2 liquor license. The application is 90% complete and its application will be presented at a future LCRB meeting.

9. Board Member Comments

Member Kuna discussed deleting from the Village Code liquor classifications that do not have any current licensees. A recommendation was also made by the LCRB to delete from the Village Code liquor licensees that are no longer in operation.

10. Adjournment

It was moved by Member Matheny and seconded by Member Corbin to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul L. Stephanides, Board Liaison and Recording Secretary