

MINUTES OF THE BLOOMINGTON
LIQUOR COMMISSION
May 12, 2015

Attendees: Tari Renner, Geoffrey Tompkins and Jim Jordan, Commissioners; George Boyle, Asst. Corporation Counsel and Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk.

The regular meeting of the Liquor Commission was called to order at 4:06 p.m. on May 12, 2015 at the Bloomington City Hall, Council Chambers.

Public Comment: No one came forward to address the Commission.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Tompkins to approve Regular Meeting minutes of April 14, 2015.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

The following was presented:

The request of Devin Doran and Erica Fuss to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their June 26, 2015 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.

Devin Doran, groom, addressed the Commission. He stated that Times Past would be catering the event. Beer and wine only would be served.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan that the request of Devin Doran and Erica Fuss to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their June 26, 2015 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would appear on the Council's May 26, 2015 Consent Agenda. He encouraged Mr. Doran to attend same.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

The following was presented:

The request of Benjamin Watkins and Jennifer Weber to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their June 12, 2015 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.

Benjamin Watkins, groom, addressed the Commission. He stated that Biaggi's would be catering the event. Beer and wine only would be served.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would appear on the Council's May 26, 2015 Consent Agenda. He encouraged Mr. Watkins to attend same.

The following was presented:

The request of Robert Ameday and Ariel Amante to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their August 14, 2015 rehearsal dinner and at their August 15, 2015 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge.

Robert Ameday and Ariel Amante, groom and bride, addressed the Commission. They stated that Biaggi's would be catering the event. Beer and wine only would be served.

Motion by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Tomkins that the request of Robert Ameday and Ariel Amante to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their August 14, 2015 rehearsal dinner and at their August 15, 2015 wedding reception to be held at Davis Lodge be approved.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would appear on the Council's June 8, 2015 Consent Agenda. He encouraged them to attend same.

The following was presented:

The request of Central Illinois Development (CID) to allow moderate consumption of alcohol at their June 16, 2015 owner's meeting to be held at Davis Lodge.

Jeannie Sabonas, representative for CID, addressed the Commission. She stated that Epiphany Farms Restaurant would be catering the event. Beer and wine only would be served.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would appear on the Council's May 26, 2015 Consent Agenda. He encouraged Ms. Sabonas to attend same.

The following was presented:

The application of Two K's Diner, d/b/a Two K's Diner, located at 1804 S Hershey Rd, requesting an RBS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

Denny Firkins, owner/operator, addressed the Commission. He stated that beer and wine would be served Monday through Sunday. Ninety percent (90%) of sales would be generated from food.

Commissioner Tomkins questioned familiarity with Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages. Mr. Firkins responded negatively. He was BASSETT (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education) certified.

Commissioner Jordan questioned the number of employees. Mr. Firkins responded two (2) cooks and four (4) servers.

Motion by Commissioner Tomkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, that the application of Two K's Diner, d/b/a Two K's Diner, located at 1804 S Hershey Rd, requesting an RBS liquor license which would allow the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week, be approved contingent upon compliance with all applicable health and safety codes.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would appear on the Council's June 8, 2015 Consent Agenda. He encouraged Mr. Firkins to attend same.

The following was presented:

The application of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University, d/b/a Shakespeare Festival, located at 48 Sunset Rd., requesting a Limited Liquor license (LB) which allows the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

John Poole, Illinois Shakespeare Festival representative, addressed the Commission. Illinois State University Foundation's Ewing Cultural Center hosted the Shakespeare Festival in the 438 seat theater located on the grounds. Patrons are allowed to picnic on the grounds. Bottle beer and wine would be offered for sale. Annual attendance at the Festival was 9, 000 – 10, 000. The property was fenced and gated. The gates were manned by Festival employees/volunteers. The Festival is held from July through August. Illinois State has held a liquor license for the Festival since 2008.

Mr. Poole noted that there was a parking agreement between the Festival and St. John's Lutheran Church, located at 1617 E. Emerson St. Festival employees assist patrons with parking and crossing Emerson St.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, that the application of the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University, d/b/a Shakespeare Festival, located at 48 Sunset Rd., requesting a Limited Liquor license (LB) which allows the sale of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week, be approved.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would appear on the Councils June 8, 2015 Consent Agenda. He encouraged Mr. Poole to attend same.

The following was presented:

The application of Fifth Day Restaurants, LLC, d/b/a TGI Friday's, located at 9 Brickyard Dr., requesting a RAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

A representative was not present for the hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Tomkins to lay the item over to the June 9, 2015 Liquor Commission meeting.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

The following was presented:

The application of Catch 22, LLC, d/b/a Catch 22, located at 517 N. Main St., requesting a RAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

Julie Davis, registered agent/attorney and Brandon Fried, owner/operator, addressed the Commission. Mr. Fried noted that he was the owner/operator of the Fireside Inn, located in Lexington, IL.

Commissioner Renner questioned the difference between the new proposal and the former Main St. Grill. Mr. Fried stated that Catch 22 would be a full service restaurant. The beach volleyball court would be removed to offer more outdoor seating. He would market to the lunch time crowd and late night dinners.

Commissioner Renner questioned video gaming. Mr. Fried stated that two (2) machines would be removed.

Mr. Fried noted that he was BASSETT (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education) certified. The four (4) bartenders would also receive certification.

Commissioner Jordan questioned the number of employees. Mr. Fried stated 8-10.

Commissioner Tomkins noted that the manager should be a Bloomington resident. Mr. Fried stated that he resides in Bloomington.

Commissioner Jordan questioned when food would be available. Mr. Fried stated the hours would be 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. He noted that there will be a late night menu.

Motion by Commissioner Tomkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan that the application of Catch 22, LLC, d/b/a Catch 22, located at 517 N. Main St., requesting a RAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week, be approved contingent upon a fully executed lease agreement and compliance with all applicable health and safety codes.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner stated that this item would appear on the Councils June 8, 2015 Consent Agenda. He encouraged Mr. Fried to attend same.

The following was presented:

Notification of Change of Corporation officer position from AMF Bowling Centers, Inc., d/b/a Circle Lanes #158, located at 1225 Holiday Dr., currently holding a EAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Changes are as follow: Rachel Labrecque, Assistant Secretary was replaced by Paul Williams, Assistant Secretary.

Motion by Commissioner Tomkins, seconded by Commissioner Jordan to accept the Notification of Change of Corporation officer position from AMF Bowling Centers, Inc., d/b/a Circle Lanes #158, located at 1225 Holiday Dr., currently holding a EAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Changes are as follow: Rachel Labrecque, Assistant Secretary was replaced by Paul Williams, Assistant Secretary.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner instructed the Clerk to address the appropriate letter to the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission acknowledging same.

The following was presented:

Notification of Change of Corporation officer position from MCTH, Inc., d/b/a Lucky Sevens, located at 1804 S. Hershey Rd. unit 9, currently holding a TAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Changes are as follow: Michael Harris sold 100% of his shares to the two remaining shareholders and is no longer with the corporation.

Motion by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Tomkins to accept the Notification of Change of Corporation officer position from MCTH, Inc., d/b/a Lucky Sevens, located at 1804 S. Hershey Rd. unit 9, currently holding a TAS liquor license which allows the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. Changes are as follow: Michael Harris sold 100% of his shares to the two remaining shareholders and is no longer with the corporation.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Commissioner Renner instructed the Clerk to address the appropriate letter to the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission acknowledging same.

Motion by Commissioner Tompkins, seconded by Commission Jordan to adjourn. Time: 4:25 p.m.

Motion carried, (viva voce).

Respectfully submitted:

Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk