

LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
Village Hall, 102 South Second Street

May 7, 2018– 6:45 pm
Village of West Dundee

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:52 pm.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present were Chairman Christopher Nelson and Commissioner Andy Yuscka. Commissioner Pat Hanley was absent.

Also present were Village Manager Joseph Cavallaro, Village Attorney Kathleen Orr, Attorney Steven Tousey, Police Chief Andrew Wieteska, and five (5) people in the audience.

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Liquor License Hearing - Bikini Bottom Bar, 105-107 Main Street

Jean Busse, Court Reporter from Planet Depos, recorded this portion of the meeting. Transcript attached to the minutes of May 7, 2018.

Attorney Tousey said that he and the Police Department have been having discussions regarding the purported violation of Ordinance 3 Section 2-11F with the owners of Bikini Bottom Bar. He said the owners are interested in cooperating and will provide a written number of steps they could do to eliminate some of the events.

Local Liquor Control Chairman Nelson said that the Commission is asking for a written plan from the business owner addressing these issues within a 30 day timeframe. He set June 18, 2018 as the date for the meeting with the Local Liquor Commission.

B. Class E Expansion of Hours

Manager Cavallaro said that The Chubby Bullfrog has inquired about the viability of expanding their outdoor dining hours, which currently end at 10:30 pm, to allow for a midnight closing on Friday and Saturday nights. He noted that the Village has strongly adhered to the 10:30 hours of operation for liquor and restaurant establishments in order to minimize late night noise and other difficulties. He added that these hours and privileges have been tied to full service dining, in order to ensure that outdoor dining areas are utilized in conjunction with dining.

Manager Cavallaro said that based on The Chubby Bullfrog's location at Spring Hill Mall, the Village could give consideration to creating a separate liquor license classification that facilitates midnight hours for these specific types of situations and locations as there is no residential impact.

He added that if expanded privileges are considered, they should carry the following caveats

1. Expanded hours of operation for outdoor dining must be directly tied to kitchen operations. Meaning that in order for an establishment to be eligible for a midnight closing for outdoor dining, the kitchen must remain open until at least 11:30 pm.

2. That an increased fee for the additional privileges would be included in the license classification.
3. That the hours of operation for outdoor dining would be 10:30 pm during the week and midnight on Fridays and Saturdays only.

Mike Morrison, owner of The Chubby Bullfrog said he is looking to be competitive with other businesses in the area. He said there have no issues with the Police Department, Local Liquor Control or the Village.

Trustee Yuscka inquired about sound carrying from the speakers for music.

Mr. Morrison said there is live music on the weekends which is inside. He said he has had no issues with sound, but does have roll up garage doors which are open to the outdoor dining area, but could be closed if the need should arise.

Direction was given to begin the process of drafting an amendment to the municipal code that facilitates the expansion of liquor license classifications.

C. Daily Liquor Permit Request – Dundee Township Rotary Foundation BBQ & Brews, June 2, 2018

Manager Cavallaro said that the Dundee Township Rotary Foundation has applied for a Special Event Permit and a Daily Liquor Permit to conduct a first-time fundraising event, BBQ & Brews, on Saturday, June 2, 2018 to be conducted in the north half of the LifeZone360 parking lot. He said the request has been received and approved by both the Police Department and the Village.

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Yuscka and seconded by Chairman Nelson to recommend issuance of a Daily Liquor Permit to Dundee Township Rotary Foundation for their BBQ & Brews event on Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 11:00 am to 7:00pm. Upon roll call, motion was approved.

AYES: Commissioners Yuscka, Chairman Nelson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Hanley

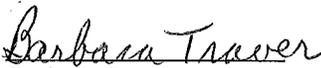
IV. MISCELLANEOUS: There was none.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Yuscka and seconded by Chairman Nelson to adjourn the Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Local Liquor Control Commission meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

ATTEST:


Barbara Traver
Village Clerk


Christopher Nelson
Village President