

**Minutes of the Liquor Control Review Board**  
**Tuesday, November 25, 2014 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Village Hall - Room 215**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Scaman called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:**  
**Present:** Chair Victoria Scaman, Members Jane Miller, Sara Spivy, Lyn Conniff  
**Absent:** None.  
**Also Present:** Village Attorney Paul Stephanides; Business Services Manager Loretta Daly; Ron Orzel

3. **Agenda Approval**

It was moved by Member Spivy and seconded by Member Miller to approve the Agenda as presented. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

4. **Public Comments**

None

5. **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Member Miller and seconded by Member Spivy to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 28, 2014, amended with the deletion of the reference to the arrival time for Member Conniff. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as amended.

6. **New Business**

**A. Craft Brewery Proposal – 6806 Roosevelt Road**

Steve Lorenz and Neal Armstrong introduced themselves as the owners of a proposed craft brewery at 6806 Roosevelt Road. Mr. Lorenz stated that they had already been through the process at the Plan Commission and have been granted a special use permit for the business. The recently purchased building and the building has been vacant for 7 years. They do not expect build-out to be complete for until later in 2015 and therefore, they do not anticipate a need for liquor a license until the fall of 2015. Mr. Lorenz passed out to the LCRB the brewery's draft business plan, and provided a brief overview/description of the proposed operation. He explained that the brewery was primarily a wholesale, self-distribution, craft brewery. In addition, they plan on having a tap room wherein they can conduct tastings of their own, on-site produced, craft beers. They will not have any beer available but their own, and although they will not have a kitchen, they will have prepared foods from neighboring restaurants. They do not anticipate any expansion

of the space. They will conduct tours of the brewery, perhaps on a weekly basis. Mr. Lorenz responded to questions about noise levels associated with truck traffic, and production and he explained that the rear of the building has a door opening now large enough to fit a vehicle the size of a U-Haul, and they will make it larger to accommodate a larger truck to load product and unload supplies, so as eliminate the need for trucks to park or otherwise block the alley. They do not yet know what their production hours will be, but both Mr. Lorenz and Mr. Armstrong are Oak Park residents, and are cognizant of noise issues with residences adjacent to businesses, only separated by an alley. They will choose hours of production, and operations with these issues in mind. Based upon the description of operation, the LCRB discussed with the applicants several possible amendments to the existing liquor license classification that would be necessary for the brewery.

**B. Presentation of the “Beer Shop” Proposal 1026 North Boulevard**

Tony Compaglia introduced himself and gave a general overview of his proposed business which he characterized as a retail craft beer shop similar to a wine shop. He does not intend to operate a kitchen, but anticipates partnering with area restaurants, in order to make food available. Mr. Compaglia’s intended location is a 1,100 square foot space at 1025 North Boulevard. The Board discussed the C-2 classification and whether or not the Beer Shop should be a C-2 classification, with or without amendments, or if a new classification should be created which is geared toward beer, rather than wine. It was noted that the concept was more of a specialty shop/boutique. Mr. Compaglia expects to sign a lease the week following the meeting. The Board discussed necessary steps if a license were to be issued by February 2015.

**C. Annual Renewals**

Member Miller moved to approve the annual renewal of Select Restaurants, Inc., d/b/a Winberie’s, and was seconded by Conniff.

Approved: Members Miller, Spivy; Scaman, Conniff

Nays: None

**7. Old Business**

**A. Discussion of next meeting date.**

Members discussed their schedules and the consensus of the Board was to meet on December 16, 2014 if necessary.

**8. Administrative Report**

Mama Thai's is prohibited from serving liquor at this time as its State of Illinois has not been renewed and an Order was entered by the Local Liquor Control Commissioner. Attorney Stephanides informed the Board that he has discussed with the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's Chief Legal Counsel communications between the State and the Village going forward regarding non-renewals by the State.

**9. Board Member Comments**

Board members discussed communications between the Board and the general public regarding Board activities.

**10. Adjournment**

Member Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Member Conniff. The motion was approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul L. Stephanides, Board Liaison and Recording Secretary