

**Minutes of the Liquor Control Review Board
Tuesday, September 27, 2016 - 7:30 p.m.
Village Hall - Room 101**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Victoria Scaman called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

Present: Chair Victoria Scaman, Members Jane Miller, Phil Keeku and Ron Orzel

Absent: Lyn Conniff

Also Present: Village Attorney Paul Stephanides; Assistant Village Attorney Rasheda Jackson; Business Services Manager Loretta Daly; and Paul Leaman, Owner of Beermiscuous

3. **Agenda Approval**

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

4. **Public Comment**

None.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Member Miller and seconded by Member Orzel to approve the minutes of the Liquor Control Review Board ("LCRB") meeting of July 26, 2016 as presented. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented.

6. **New Business**

A. Application of Beermiscuous Oak Park, LLC, DBA Beermiscuous, for a Craft Brew Lounge D-16 Liquor License at 211 Harrison Street

Paul Leaman introduced himself as the owner of Beermiscuous which will be a craft beer café in the Arts District. He has one other location in Chicago. The name comes from marketing studies that he has done regarding craft beer. He stated he was approached by Oak Park residents who liked the concept for progress in the Arts District. It will be a coffee shop setting with craft beer and background music. He has 350 different varieties of bottles and cans that can be consumed on the premises or to go. He encourages customers to explore by sampling the beer and meeting some of the brewing staff. All staff goes through the education as part of the process. He wants to carry a limited selection of wines and ciders. He also plans on having different events such as arts and crafts night. He is asking for an alley

vacation next to the café that can be used for outdoor seating. The maximum number of seats for inside would be 80 and outside 20-30 seats. He offers snacks at his Chicago location but would want to be a bit more aggressive with the food in Oak Park. Customers could also bring in their own food from other restaurants. He plans to open in early 2017.

It was moved by Member Orzel and seconded by Member Keeku to recommend to the Village Board adoption of an ordinance approving a Craft Brew Lounge D-16 Liquor License for its location at 211 Harrison Street.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Members Miller, Keeku and Orzel; Chair Scaman
NAYS: None

The motion was approved.

B. September 2016 Renewals

September 2016 annual renewals for liquor licenses were presented. It was moved by Member Orzel and seconded by Member Keeku to approve the annual renewals for September 2016 as presented.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Members Miller, Keeku and Orzel; Chair Scaman
NAYS: None

The motion was approved.

7. Old Business:

A. Review of liquor license fees and update of liquor license Code provisions

Raising some of the liquor fee was discussed. The maximum liquor license is \$2,500.00. Packaged sales licenses bring in the most liquor tax. It was discussed about the possibility of raising the packaged liquor licenses and restaurant liquor licenses. The LCRB will consider a tiered approach for restaurants that are significantly smaller. The LCRB tabled the discussion until additional information regarding other business fees is available for review.

8. Administrative Report

Business Services Manager Daly reported that Scratch Kitchen is coming to Oak Park. They also have a location in Forest Park that they are keeping. They have a big following and very family oriented. She also reported that a local couple, an architect and a trained chef, are interested in leasing a space on Lake Street called Café Bistro. It would be modern digital ordering, sit down and they bring it to you.

9. **Board Member Comments**

None.

10. **Adjournment**

It was moved by Member Orzel and seconded by Member Keeku to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul L. Stephanides, Board Liaison and Recording Secretary