

**Minutes of the Liquor Control Review Board
Tuesday, March 22, 2016 - 7:30 p.m.
Village Hall - Room 124**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Victoria Scaman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Attorney Paul Stephanides; Business Services Manager Loretta Daly; Hai Tran, Owner of Saigon Pho & Café

3. **Agenda Approval**

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

4. **Public Comment**

Sam Dacanay, a senior student at Fenwick High School, is in attendance for school observation purposes.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Member Miller and seconded by Member Keeku to approve the minutes of the Liquor Control Review Board ("LCRB") meeting of March 22, 2016 as presented. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved as presented.

6. **New Business**

A. **April 2016 Renewals**

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

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Members Miller, Conniff, Orzel and Keeku; Chair Scaman

NAYS: None

The motion was approved.

B. Application of Saigon Pho & Café (“Saigon”) for a Class B-2 Liquor License at 726 Lake Street

Hai Tran introduced himself on behalf of Saigon and stated that the restaurant is currently located in Forest Park but is closing on March 23, 2016 and moving to 726 Lake Street in Oak Park, formerly the Flat Top Grill. Saigon is a family-owned restaurant and not part of a chain. They feature a full dining room and will offer Vietnamese beer, local beer, wine and saki, which is a type of wine. All employees serving alcohol will be Basset trained. Saigon plans to open at the beginning of May 2016. Business Manager Daly stated that the application is complete, and she has received the applicable Basset training certificates.

It was moved by Member Orzel and seconded by Member Keeku to recommend to the Village Board adoption of an ordinance approving a Restaurant Class B-2 liquor license to Saigon Pho & Café for its location at 726 Lake Street.

The roll call was as follows:

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

C. Proposal by Careful Peach Boutique for a New Liquor License Classification for the Sale and Consumption on the Premises of Wine at a Retail Establishment

Business Manager Daly stated that she spoke with the owner of Careful Peach. The owner stated that the sale of wine at her establishment is going very well and that Careful Peach is interested in either a tasting classification with a fee or creating a new classification to allow individuals to shop while having a glass of wine. Careful Peach is a 2,000 square foot retail establishment and is located next door to The Beer Shop. Currently, the Village Code allows Careful Peach to have a limit of four promotional tastings per year. Village Attorney Stephanides stated that the Village does not currently have a license classification for the proposal. The LCRB expressed its concern regarding the proposal of shopping and having wine without food service and seating. Chair Scaman feels that the license currently in place that allows for tasting on a limited basis might be more appropriate.

7. **Old Business:**

Business Manager Daly reported on the following restaurants that have opened or are opening soon:

- (a) Kinslahger Brewing Company opened up on Roosevelt Road;
- (b) Hamburger Mary’s/Oak Park Brewing Company on Oak Park Avenue will open by the end of March 2016;
- (c) Citrine Café is opening on March 23, 2016, at South Boulevard and Oak Park Avenue;

- (d) Q-BBQ will open the beginning of April 2016; and
- (e) Nando's Peri-Peri will open later in April 2016 on Lake Street.

8. Administrative Report

Further discussion occurred on Careful Peach's proposal.

9. Board Member Comments

A discussion occurred regarding Eastgate Café and Business Manager Daly reported that Eastgate has not had a liquor license since August, 2015. Members of the LCRB have agreed to visit the Eastgate Café and report back at its next meeting. Village Attorney Stephanides stated that if they are serving alcohol without a liquor license that it is a felony where the first offense is a \$1,000 fine and any offense after that is a Class 4 felony which could include jail time.

10. Adjournment

It was moved by Member Orzel and seconded by Member Conniff to adjourn. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul L. Stephanides, Board Liaison and Recording Secretary