



**Minutes of the Liquor Control Review Board  
Tuesday, July 25, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.  
Village Hall – Room 124**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Chair Sarah Corbin  
  
**Present:** Chair Sarah Corbin, Members Emily Masalski and Melody Kratz  
**Absent:** Member Todd Kuna  
**Also Present:** Village Attorney Paul Stephanides and Assistant Development Customer Services Director Cameron Davis
3. **Agenda Approval:**  
  
A motion was made by Member Masalski and seconded by Member Kratz to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was approved by voice vote.
4. **Minutes Approval:**  
  
A motion was made by Member Masalski and seconded by Member Kratz to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2023 meeting of the Liquor Control Review Board ("LCRB"). The motion was approved by voice vote and the minutes were approved.
5. **Public Comment:**  
  
None.
6. **New Business:**
  - A. **Application of Penny's Noodle Shop, DBA Penny's Oak Park, for the Issuance of a Restaurant Class B-2 Liquor License at 1130 Chicago Avenue**  
  
Jonathan Donnelly presented the application on behalf of Penny's Noodle Shop. Mr. Donnelly has over twenty years of experience in restaurant management. Mr. Donnelly has known the previous owners of Penny's since 2003 and has been a resident of Oak Park for three years.  
  
Beer and wine sales currently comprise 1.5% of current sales, which is low given the expenses of maintaining a liquor license and insurance. Future plans include trying to increase restaurant beer and wine sale. Although food is the main attraction at Penny's, Mr. Donnelly believes beer and wine sales could rise to 5% of total business.  
  
Mr. Donnelly will be a hands-on owner and also plans to expand Penny's hours of operation. Currently, Penny's closes at 8:00 p.m. Thursday to Sunday and he plans to

extend the closing time to 9:00 p.m. Penny's will open earlier Friday through Sunday at 12:00 p.m. to attract a lunch crowd. The restaurant currently opens at 2:00 p.m. on the weekend. In the future, he might seek a license to sell liquor in addition to beer and wine.

A motion was made by Member Emily Masalski to approve the application of Penny's Noodle Shop, DBA Penny's Oak Park, for the Issuance of a Restaurant Class B-2 Liquor License at 1130 Chicago Avenue. Member Kratz seconded the motion.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Kratz, Masalski, Corbin

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

**B. July and August 2023 Renewals**

A motion was made by Member Masalski to approve the July and August 2023 renewals subject to Taco Mucho and Mama Thai becoming current on their alcoholic liquor taxes. Member Kuna seconded the motion.

The roll call was as follows:

AYES: Kratz, Masalski, Corbin

NAYS: None

The motion was adopted.

**7. Old Business:**

None.

**8. Administrative Report:**

Munch is in the process of applying for a B-2 license (beer and wine sales only). Unity Temple will apply for a new license category. Publican Quality Brew is in the process of completing a liquor license application. Chicago House of Chicken and Waffles will begin operating under its new license in August 2023.

**9. Board Member Comments:**

None.

**10. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Member Masalski to adjourn the meeting. Member Kratz seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved by voice vote at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul L. Stephanides, Board Liaison and Recording Secretary