

MINUTES OF THE

**OAK RIDGE BEER PERMIT BOARD**  
Regular Meeting

Central Services Complex Multipurpose Room  
Wednesday, February 16, 2022  
5:15p.m.

**PRESENT:** Danny Whitson, Chair; Wende Doolittle, Secretary; Richard Bell, Chip Dooley, Pam Layne, and Rodney Nelson,

**ABSENT:** Vice-Chair Mark Cantrell

**ALSO PRESENT:** Beth Hickman, Staff Liaison

**AUDIENCE MEMBERS:** Chantel Harris, ASAP of Anderson

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Whitson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Secretary Doolittle completed the calling of the roll. Secretary Doolittle moved to amend the agenda to include Election of Officers. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

**INTRODUCTION AND SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

Staff Liaison Beth Hickman introduced and swore in the new Board members – Richard Bell, Chip Dooley, and Pam Layne. Mark Cantrell was also re-appointed but will be sworn in at the next meeting.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Wende Doolittle was elected Chair by acclamation.

Richard Bell was elected Secretary by acclamation.

Mark Cantrell has expressed interest in continuing to serve as Vice-Chair. That election will be held at the next meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the January 5, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Manager Applications – Arnold Jacob Byrge, Rita Renee Byrge, and Sheila Weaver, Atomic Battle Axe

The applicants were present to discuss their applications. Because the venue has no minimum age requirement for entry, the Board cautioned the owners and the manager about the need for extra diligence in checking IDs to prevent the sale of beer to minors. Chair Doolittle emphasized the importance of calling the police as soon as it appears there may be an issue with a customer or group.

Mr. Dooley moved to approve the applications. Mr. Nelson seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Manager Application – Bart Wolfe, Oak Ridge Country Club

Mr. Wolfe was present to discuss his application. He described his experience in management and training regarding alcohol sales.

Rodney Nelson moved to approve the application, and Danny Whitson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Manager Application for Deborah Smith, Kenjo Market #37

Ms. Smith was present to discuss her application. Chairman Doolittle discussed asking for identification for all alcohol sales and not being afraid to call the police if necessary.

Rodney Nelson moved to approve the application, and Chip Dooley seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Manager Application – Rufus Shephard, Jr., F.O.E. Atomic City Aerie #2514

Mr. Shephard discussed with the Board that he had been in management for five years, and always trains staff not to serve someone who appears intoxicated. He also stated that members have to have a key card to enter and guests must accompany a member. No kids are allowed at the bar, and he has even taken people home before who are visibly impaired.

Rodney Nelson moved to approve the application, and Danny Whitson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**REPORT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

(NONE)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Danny Whitson announced to the Board that, due to his work schedule, he is resigning from the Board effective immediately. Staff Liaison Beth Hickman stated that applications for the vacancy would be opened for election in March.

It was decided that the next meeting would be Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Central Services Building.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

