

**MINUTES OF THE
OAK RIDGE BEER BOARD**

APPROVED

Regular Meeting

Training Room – Municipal Building
November 14, 2011
12:00 noon

PRESENT: Barton Bailey, Gerald Cooksey, Debra Solmonson, and Randy Tedford

ABSENT: Carol Heck (emailed prior to meeting about her absence)

ALSO

PRESENT: Tammy Dunn, Senior Staff Attorney
Alan Massengill, Deputy Police Chief

ROLL CALL

Chairman Tedford called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Chairman Tedford, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2011 regular meeting and the October 24, 2011 special meeting with a few typographical errors corrected and the motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW BEER PERMITS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED MANAGER APPROVALS

Application No. 1439

**Michelle S. Hoffman, Manager
Lincoln's Sports Grille – Catering
119 S. Illinois Avenue**

Class "B" Permit (Catering Only, Not Carry-Out)

Ms. Hoffman was present to discuss the application. Ms. Dunn stated Ms. Hoffman's manager application would replace Ms. Greene's manager approval by the Board. Ms. Dunn also stated that the background check on Ms. Hoffman was not yet complete.

Chairman Tedford discussed the importance of not selling/serving to minors or to those who are intoxicated. Ms. Hoffman stated they require ID of all beer purchasers (until such time as the patron becomes a regular and is known to be of age). Deputy Chief Massengill mentioned there were no major concerns at Lincoln's, but that they did have some disturbances, public intoxications and assaults, and he would caution Ms. Hoffman on serving individuals who have had too much to drink. Ms. Hoffman stated she often calls the police for assistance with these situations. Chairman Tedford stated a business is not penalized by the Board for calling the police.

Ms. Hoffman also mentioned there is staff checking on the parking lot periodically, especially on

weekends, and Mr. Bailey mentioned the business might want to consider altering their normal schedule for parking lots checks so that it does not become an expected routine to have checks at certain intervals of time.

Having no further discussions, Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Cooksey, to approve the beer permit and manager applications subject to a completed background check and the motion carried unanimously.

Application No. 1437

Frederic Avery on behalf of Atomic Elks Lodge (membership based club)

Roger Tyrone Williamson, Manager

262 Wilberforce Avenue

Class "D" Permit

Mr. Avery and Mr. Williamson were present to discuss the application which was postponed from the previous month's meeting. Chairman Tedford inquired about their security contract and Mr. Avery supplied a one-page, unsigned proposal from Wilson Smith with National Security Services (Owner, Bill Smith). Chairman Tedford explained this was not a binding contract and asked whether the security company had met yet with the Police Department. Deputy Chief Massengill stated he had not had a meeting with the security company. [Note – During the meeting, Mr. Avery obtained a date and time this week for the security company to meet with him.]

Chairman Tedford inquired about the security cameras and Mr. Avery stated there were two outside, with audio and video, and one inside. Mr. Williamson stated the cameras have night vision and are recorded on a looped VCR system. Deputy Chief Massengill suggested the establishment consider an upgrade to digital when they could for more reliable video.

Chairman Tedford inquired about the life safety inspection and Mr. Williamson stated they had corrected the exit signs. Ms. Dunn reported that she had not received any information from Code Enforcement regarding correction of the problems.

Mr. Cooksey asked if the security company was bonded, and Mr. Avery said they were. Deputy Chief Massengill asked what would happen if the security company backed out of a contract, and Mr. Williamson said they would shut down operations until a new security plan was in place.

Chairman Tedford stated there was progress, but the Board still needed to see the signed security contract after the security company had met with the police. Chairman Tedford moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to postpone the application to the December meeting for Mr. Avery and Mr. Williamson to schedule a meeting with Deputy Chief Massengill and their security company, and to obtain a signed contract with the security company, and the motion carried unanimously. Chairman Tedford later moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to also require proof that the security cameras are working, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Solmonson asked if any educational programs had taken place with the members, especially regarding brown-bagging. Mr. Williamson stated he told all members that brown-bagging was not permitted once the beer permit was in place.

Deputy Chief Massengill stated when the establishment receives a beer permit, the police will inspect the premises and make random checks, as is done for all other beer permitted businesses, and full cooperation is expected. Mr. Avery and Mr. Williamson said they would cooperate.

Application No. 1440

Lance A. Erickson, Owner/Manager

On The Spot (formerly Shenanigan's)

144 Randolph Road

Class "C" Permit

Mr. Erickson was present to discuss his application. He subsequently withdrew his application before any discussion took place.

MANAGER APPROVAL APPLICATIONS

Elliott Williams
Ruby Tuesday
375 S. Illinois Avenue

This application was withdrawn by Ruby Tuesday's earlier in the day. Mr. Williams is no longer employed at this location. A new manager application will be submitted for the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS

Former Shenanigan's

Steve Herron, property owner, and Nang Crossno, owner of The Original Time-Out Deli & Hibachi Gallery, were present to discuss the possibility of the Board waiving the one-year revocation period for the location of the former Shenanigan's. Mr. Herron stated he had invested a lot of money in this establishment and wanted to be able to open a new establishment, under new ownership and management, with Mr. Crossno. The Board had brief discussions with Mr. Herron and Mr. Crossno, and the Board was receptive to a new application being submitted for this location. The Board did not, however, vote on whether such a permit would be approved since there was no application before the Board to consider.

Fingerprinting

Chairman Tedford stated Anderson County's beer board requires fingerprinting of beer permit applicants. He stated he would obtain further information about how this process works for background checks through the TBI and would report back at the December meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. upon motion by Mr. Bailey seconded by Chairman Tedford, and unanimous vote of all members.

Respectfully submitted,

Barton Bailey, Secretary