

MINUTES OF THE

OAK RIDGE BEER BOARD
Regular Meeting

Central Services Complex Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, October 6th, 2021
5:15p.m.

PRESENT: David Mosby, David Vudragovich, Vice-Chair Mark Cantrell, Secretary Wende Doolittle, Chair Danny Whitson

ABSENT: Rodney Nelson

ALSO PRESENT: Brittany Burger, Administrative Assistant for Oak Ridge Police Department; Lt. Matthew Tedford, Oak Ridge Police Department

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Chantel Harris, ASAP
Nang Crossno, Owner of Oakey's Sports Grill, Hibachi Burger, and Brews and Cues

ROLL CALL

Chair Whitson called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. Secretary Doolittle completed the calling of the roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Vudragovich moved to approve the minutes from the September 1st, 2021 meeting. Mr. Cantrell seconded. The motion carried with unanimous approval. Mr. Cantrell moved to approve the minutes from the Special Called September 20th, 2021 meeting. The motion carried with unanimous approval.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW BEER PERMITS AND ASSOCIATED MANAGER APPROVALS

Atomic Battle Axe (Application #1611 – Class C, On-Premises Consumption)
295 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Arnold Jacob Byrge

Mr. Byrge was present to discuss the application. The Board reviewed the general concept of the business with Mr. Byrge. They will sell beer only, no liquor, and will be using bottled and canned beverages. Patrons to the establishment will have use of a throwing lane for an hour, up to four people per lane, with a maximum capacity of about 30. Initial hours are anticipated to be Wed. 3 p.m. to 10 p.m., Thurs. 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., Fri. and at. 2 p.m. to 12 a.m., sun. 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., and closed Mon.-Tue. Patrons may not throw if they appear not to be sober. Mr. Byrge confirmed the establishment has cameras throughout. Chair Whitson advised Mr. Byrge not to serve anyone who appears intoxicated. The Board advised Mr. Byrge to monitor the parking lot for illicit activities and to contact the police before problems arise.

Mr. Vudragovich moved to approve the application pending completion of the life safety check. Vice-chair Cantrell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW MANAGERS

Oakey's Sports Grill
119 S. Illinois Ave.
Manager Application: Emmalee Ilar Hart

Ms. Hart was present to discuss her application. Ms. Hart is currently the beer manager for the Oak Ridge Bowling Center but is spending the majority of her time at Oakey's. She has her ABC card. Ms. Hart

outlined the restaurant's policy regarding checking IDs. She explained the restaurant is following a limited hour schedule as they continue to fine-tune operations and work to hire a full staff. The waitstaff has a pre-shift briefing every day. They are integrating a card scanner into the point-of-sale system to verify IDs.

Secretary Doolittle moved to approve the application. Mr. Mosby seconded. The board unanimously approved the application.

NEW BUSINESS

Lt. Tedford reported on an incident involving a person who self-reported they had been at Brews and Cues, formerly known as Back 2 Brewskis. The person failed a field sobriety check and was charged with DUI. Because Mr. Crossno was present, he was invited to participate in the discussion of this incident. Being an open investigation, Lt. Tedford was unable to share certain details. Mr. Crossno agreed to cooperate with the police department to provide information regarding whether or not this person had been at Brews and Cues on the night in question, how much the person was served while at the establishment, and any other pertinent information that might be helpful to the investigation. Mr. Crossno stated his willingness to change the hours of Brews and Cues to close an hour earlier in an effort to reduce the potential for such incidents occurring in the future.

Ms. Burger announced she will no longer serve as the staff liaison to the Board. Sgt. Karen Jenkins will assume the role beginning with the next regular meeting. Ms. Burger will work with Sgt. Jenkins to complete the transition of the role and ensure a smooth hand-off of responsibilities. The Board thanked Ms. Burger for her time and hard work as the liaison.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Vudragovich moved to adjourn at 6:32. Vice-chair Cantrell seconded. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary