

Meeting Minutes
Board of License Commissioners
Caroline County, Maryland

DATE: April 8, 2022

PLACE: Hybrid Meeting via Microsoft Teams
Health & Public Services Building, Room 111
403 S. 7th Street, Room 111
Denton, Maryland 21629-1335

BOARD MEMBERS: Greg Eigenbrode, Chairman
Nicholas A. Loukides, Vice Chairman
Glenn Plutschak, Member
Michael Mann Sr., Alternate Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Crystal Dadds, Assistant Codes Director
Kendra Blake, Board Administrative Assistant

Chairman Eigenbrode called to order the meeting of the Caroline County Board of License Commissioners at 9:30 AM.

New Business

Caroline County Council of Arts – Caroline Jazz Fest 2022- May 1, 2022

Mr. Nicholas Tindall appeared before the Board to present his application for a temporary alcoholic beverage license. He stated that the Caroline County Council of Arts would be hosting the first outside Jazz Fest at the recently renovated Cow Barn Rustic Venue for events located at 101 Cow Barn Road in Ridgely. The event will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2022 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will be a cash bar, selling beer and wine as well as live musical performances. Mr. Tindall reviewed the site plan with the Board, explaining where the event would be held on the property, including the performance stage, bar, general seating area, vendor setup and parking. Mr. Tindall stated that the tree line would act as a physical perimeter to keep attendees contained in one area, ensuring that alcohol would not leave the premises. Mr. Eigenbrode confirmed that the tree line would be used as a perimeter and expressed that he had considered that the property is not in a heavy populated area.

Mr. Plutschak asked if this was the first time for the event at the location. Ms. Dadds responded that this event venue is located within the Ridgely town limits; therefore, the County had not been involved in the permitting process. However, the event will be the first at the location that is requesting to sell alcohol. There have been other events previously held at the venue including weddings and small meeting events, which are usually hosted inside of the barn.

Mr. Plutschak stated that he would feel better if Inspector Moore conducted a site inspection. Mr. Tindall expressed that he was willing to meet Inspector Moore on site. Mr. Loukides asked Mr. Tindall if there would be vendors on site. Mr. Tindall responded stating that there would be three (3) musicians performing, sponsors on site to include Shore United Bank, Mid-Shore Technology and Purple Peake as

well as food and art vendors. Mr. Plutschak asked who the TiPS certified person would be during the event. Mr. Tindall responded that he had recently obtained his TiPS certification and he would be the primary contact and bartender.

Ms. Dadds displayed website photos for the Board to see, pointing out how the tree line would act as a natural containment perimeter. Mr. Tindall confirmed that the vendors would be set up along that tree line as well. Mr. Mann asked Mr. Tindall if there was a rain date planned in the event that there was inclement weather on May 1st. Mr. Tindall stated that the rain date would be May 8, 2022, which would be the following Sunday after the original date. The Board asked Mr. Tindall to add the rain date to his application so that it was on record and the Board could approve it.

Motion: Mr. Plutschak made a motion to approve the Jazz Fest 2022 event to be held on May 1, 2022 with a rain date of May 8, 2022 providing that Inspector Moore completes an on-site inspection with Mr. Tindall.

Second: Mr. Loukides seconded the motion.

Vote: All members voted in favor (3-0).

2022-2023 Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals

The Chairman began the review of the 2022-2023 Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals. Ms. Dadds presented the following:

AMERICAN LEGION CAROLINE POST #29

Approved pending receipt of the following:

X Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance

BARGAIN BEVERAGE

Approved pending receipt of the following:

X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

BULLOCK'S DELI

Approved pending receipt of the following:

X Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance

X Release from Comptroller's office

CHOPTANK RIVER YACHT CLUB (2 licenses)

Approved: Application Complete

COHEE'S 404 RESTAURANT & LOUNGE (2 licenses)

Approved pending receipt of the following:

X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

They reported .08% alcohol sales for the year.

COVEY'S

Approved: Application Complete

D & B TAVERN (2 licenses)

Approved pending receipt of the following:

- X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

DAVE'S PLACE

Tabled until April 27, 2022 pending receipt of the following:

- X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License
- X Proper documentation of assignment of ownership Interest for Scott Judy

They reported 67% alcohol sales for the year which is greater than what is permitted by law in order to hold a restaurant license.

DENTON DINER

Approved: Application complete

They reported .03% alcohol sales for the year.

DENTON GOOSE CREEK

Approved pending receipt of the following:

- X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

DENTON LIQUOR OUTLET

Approved pending receipt of the following:

- X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

DENTON SHELL

Approved pending receipt of the following:

- X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License
- X Annual License Fee

EARTH TONES CAFÉ

Approved pending receipt of the following:

- X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

They reported less than 1% alcohol sales since February 2022

FOSTER'S MINI MART

Approved pending receipt of the following:

- X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

KATIE MAE'S

Approved pending receipt of the following:

- X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

They reported less than 1% alcohol sales.

GREENSBORO QUICK SHOP

Approved pending receipt of the following:

- X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

LUCKY CORNER

Approved pending receipt of the following:

- X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

MARKET STREE PUBLIC HOUSE (2 licenses)

Approved pending receipt of the following:

- X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License
- X Alcohol Awareness Certification
- X Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance

They reported 31% alcohol sales.

MIKE'S CORNER

Approved: Application complete

PRESTON SUPER SODA

Approved pending receipt of the following:

- X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License
- X Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance
- X Amended corporation paperwork removing Jay Patel as stockholder by 4/15/2022

RIDGELY EXXON

Approved pending receipt of the following:

- X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License
- X Alcohol Awareness Certification

ROADHOUSE 313

Approved pending receipt of the following:

- X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License
- X Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance
- X Annual License Fee

SHORE COUNTRY STORE

Approved pending receipt of the following:

- X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

SHORE STOP #240

Approved pending receipt of the following:

- X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

STAR GAS & DIESEL

Approved: Application complete

STATE LINE STORE

Approved pending receipt of the following:

- X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

X Need all manager information on file

SUPER SODA - FEDERALSBURG

Approved pending receipt of the following:

X Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance

THE GREENSBORO DELI

Approved pending receipt of the following:

X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

X Alcohol Awareness Certification

TIGERMART

Approved pending receipt of the following:

X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

TRI-ME WAREHOUSE FOODS

Approved pending receipt of the following:

X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

X Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance

U-5 FOODS

Approved pending receipt of the following:

X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

U-5 FOODS - BETHLEHEM

Approved pending receipt of the following:

X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

VFW POST #5246

Approved pending receipt of the following:

X Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance

WALKER'S GROCERY STORE

Approved pending receipt of the following:

X 2022 MD Business/Trader's License

WETCHER WHISTLE

Approved pending receipt of the following:

X Certificate of Workers' Compensation Insurance

X Certificate of Good Standing

DISCUSSION

Motion: Mr. Loukides made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 alcoholic beverage license renewals heard today, with the exception of Dave's Place and Preston Super Soda on the condition that all pending items are submitted to the Planning Office.

Second: Mr. Plutschak seconded the motion.

In Favor: All members voted in favor (3-0).

Ms. Dadds reiterated that Preston Super Soda will need to submit a copy of the amended corporation paperwork to remove Jaymin R. Patel from the license as he has resigned from the corporation and no longer qualifies to be a license holder. The amended corporation paperwork will need to show that he is no longer an officer and/or stockholder.

Motion: Mr. Plutschak made a motion to approve the Preston Super Soda 2022-2023 license renewal application pending the amended corporation paperwork is received by April 15, 2022.

Second: Mr. Loukides seconded the motion.

In Favor: All members voted in favor (3-0).

Ms. Dadds advised the Board to table the 2022-2023 alcoholic beverage license renewal approval for Dave's Place until the April 27, 2022 meeting when the applicants are present to address the ownership issue of the LLC and Scott Judy. If the applicant has all required information and/or documents, the Board can issue the renewal to Judy Ball as Personal Representative of the Estate, which would expire in November of 2022, eighteen (18) months after the death of license holder Lucy Ball.

Motion: Mr. Plutschak made the motion to table the approval of the 2022-2023 alcoholic beverage license renewal for Dave's Place until April 27, 2022. The Board will also discuss the percentage overage of alcohol sales at that time.

Second: Mr. Loukides seconded the motion.

Vote: The members voted unanimously (3:0).

There were no further comments from the Board Members.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Loukides made the motion to adjourn the April 8, 2022 meeting.

Second: Mr. Plutschak seconded.

Vote: The members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting (3:0).

Chairman Eigenbrode adjourned the Board of Licensed Commissioners meeting for Wednesday, April 8, 2022, at 10:29 a.m.

BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Greg Eigenbrode, Chairman



Minutes prepared by:

Kendra Blake, Boards Administrative Assistant