

LA GRANGE LIQUOR COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING

53 South La Grange Road
First Floor Conference Room
La Grange, IL 60525

Monday, November 10, 2014 – 6:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The special meeting of the La Grange Liquor Commission was called to order at 6:48 p.m. by Liquor Commissioner Tom Livingston.

Present and constituting a quorum were Liquor Commissioner Tom Livingston, Commissioner Mark Langan and Commissioner Mark Kuchler

Absent: None

Also present: Village Manager Robert Pilipiszyn, Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson, and Community Development Director Patrick Benjamin.

2. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler to approve the minutes of October 27, 2014, as submitted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

3. Other Business – Continued discussion regarding possible amendments to the Liquor Code

Community Development Director Benjamin reported that a brewer has expressed interest in an industrial property which has a 6B designation. The Zoning Code and Liquor Code do not currently contain provisions for a brewery use.

While the property owner has not yet signed a lease with the brewery, representatives of the brewery have asked the Liquor Commission to provide feedback regarding their proposed business model which includes tastings and sales of beer by the glass. The proposed business would not sell food but would allow food to be carried in. It would also feature tours and educational sessions.

Commissioners indicated general support for the location of a brewery in the industrial area. For brewery concepts that did not also include a restaurant component, Commissioners provided general direction that maximum consumption of alcohol through tastings and sales by the glass is 24 oz.

Community Development Director Benjamin thanked Commissioners for the feedback, which will help staff in discussions with potential brewers.

Commissioners also discussed a proposed amendment to the Liquor Code from Trader Joes, which would allow for the sale of spirits in addition to beer and wine. Commissioners provided general support for the concept and directed staff to draft proposed regulations for both grocery stores and pharmacies for the Commission to review.

4. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler that the meeting of the Liquor Commission be adjourned. The motion carried on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Submitted by:
Andrianna Peterson
Assistant Village Manager

Date Approved: March 9, 2015