

LA GRANGE LIQUOR COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING

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

Monday, June 13, 2016 – 6:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A 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, Village Attorney Mark Burkland, and Executive Assistant Erica Stewart

2. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler to approve the minutes of April 11, 2016, as submitted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

3. Liquor License Request – GMZ Hospitality, Inc. d/b/a Fourteen Sixteen

Commissioner Livingston asked Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson to introduce the applicant, and to provide an overview of the liquor license application.

The Village has received an application for a Class A-1 liquor license for GMZ Hospitality, Inc. d/b/a Fourteen Sixteen at 14 W. Calendar Avenue. Allan G. Slauterbeck is the President, Zbynek Blaha is the Secretary and Hana Gula is the Treasurer. Adrian Marquis is the Liquor Manager.

Mr. Slauterbeck stated that he currently owns the Marion Street Cheese Market in Oak Park. Approximately one year ago, he became aware of the available space at 14 W. Calendar and determined that the location (downtown La Grange and in close proximity to the train station) would be the right fit for a second progressive new American restaurant. He expects that the restaurant will be a draw for La Grange residents and also a destination for the region. The restaurant will feature a rooftop deck with approximately 48-54 seats. Mr. Slauterbeck noted that he is targeting July 15 as a potential opening date.

Commissioner Kuchler inquired about the plans for the rooftop deck and the hours of operation. Mr. Slauterbeck stated there will be a private dining room on the rooftop and that the hours of operation are still being considered. The restaurant may open primarily for dinner at first, with lunch hours considered going forward.

Commissioner Kuchler noted the license requires food sales to be at least sixty percent. Mr. Slauterbeck said the requirement will not be a concern as he expects customers will be enjoying alcohol as a compliment to their food. At the Oak Park restaurant, 70% of revenue is derived from food sales, and he expects Fourteen Sixteen to be similar.

Commissioner Kuchler inquired if Mr. Slauterbeck had any concerns about parking. Mr. Slauterbeck stated that the downtown valet is a good option, particularly on Friday and Saturday nights.

President Livingston thanked the applicant for his investment in La Grange.

It was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler that the Liquor Commission recommend (a) that the Village Board of Trustees create one new Class A-2 Liquor License and (b) that the Liquor Commissioner issue that license to GMZ Hospitality, Inc. as the owner of Fourteen Sixteen, 14 W. Calendar Avenue. Motion carried.

President Livingston stated that the recommendation for approval would be made to the Village Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting on July 11, 2016.

4. Other Business

Mr. Peterson provided a report to the Liquor Commission regarding the status of the FY16-17 Liquor Licensing process.

5. 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 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Andrianna Peterson  
Assistant Village Manager

Date Approved: July 11, 2016