

LA GRANGE LIQUOR COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING

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

Monday, October 11, 2010 – 6:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A meeting of the La Grange Liquor Commission was convened at 6:48 p.m. by Liquor Commissioner Elizabeth Asperger. Present and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Liquor Commissioner Elizabeth Asperger, Commissioner Mark Kuchler and Commissioner Mark Langan

Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant Village Manager Andrianna Peterson
Village Attorney Matt Norton

2. Approval of the Minutes from the Liquor Commission meeting on September 13, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler to approve the minutes of September 13, 2010, as submitted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

3. Liquor License Request / Liquor License Applicant

Walgreen Company

Commissioner Asperger indicated that Edward Dyrda, Store Manager for Walgreens, is applying for a Class B Liquor License for their location at 2 North La Grange Road.

Commissioner Asperger noted that the Village Board recently approved an Amendment to the Planned Development for Walgreen Company which allows Walgreens to apply for a liquor license to sell beer and wine for consumption off premises.

Commissioner Kuchler asked how sales are monitored during hours when the store will be open but liquor sales are not allowed. Mr. Dyrda indicated that cash registers will be equipped with a lock out feature that will not allow liquor sales during hours outside of what is allowed in the liquor code. Cashiers under 21 years of age are locked out from making a sale and must call a cashier over 21 to scan the alcohol. Signage regarding the sale hours will also be erected.

Commissioner Langan asked about training provisions in the event that store managers or cashiers change in the future. Mr. Dyrda said that Walgreens uses the BASSET program to instruct all personnel in alcohol awareness as a part of their training.

Mr. Dyrda indicated that if the license is approved, Walgreens intends to start selling beer and wine towards the end of November.

Commissioner Asperger noted that liquor control is taken very seriously and the sale of liquor in La Grange is a privilege. Commissioner Asperger added that there is no set number of liquor licenses but rather considered on an individual basis.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Langan and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler, that the Liquor Commission recommend (a) that the Village Board of Trustees create a new Class B Liquor License and (b) that the Liquor Commissioner issue that license to Walgreens located at 2 North La Grange Road.

Commissioner Asperger stated that a recommendation would be made to the Village Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting on October 25, 2010.

4. Other Business

Discussion ensued regarding possible amendments to the liquor code regarding the appropriateness of current liquor sale hours by class; security provisions to restrict sales of liquor for hours outside of allowable hours; and a proposed new Class D-3 Liquor License for wine and dinner events.

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 7:22 p.m.

Submitted by:
Andrianna Peterson
Assistant Village Manager

Date Approved: 11/08/10