

LA GRANGE LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING

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

Monday, January 14, 2019 – 6:45 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A special meeting of the La Grange Liquor Control Commission was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Liquor Commissioner Tom Livingston.

Present and constituting a quorum were Liquor Commissioner Tom Livingston, Commissioner Michael Kotynek and Commissioner Mark Kuchler.

Absent: None

Also present: Village Manager Andrianna Peterson, Community Development Director Charity Jones, Police Chief Kurt Bluder and Village Attorney Mark Burkland.

2. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Kuchler and seconded by Commissioner Kotynek to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2018 meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

3. Liquor License Request Class D-2 / Liquor License Applicant Steak and Vine LLC d/b/a Steak and Vine 37 S. La Grange Road

Liquor Commissioner Livingston asked Village Manager Andrianna Peterson to introduce the application. Ms. Peterson stated that the Village has received an application for a Class D-2 Wine Club license from Steak and Vine LLC d/b/a Steak and Vine located at 37 S. La Grange Road. A Class D-2 license authorizes the licensee to host 15 wine club events in a 12 month period, after 4:00 p.m. on weekdays and after 12:00 p.m. on weekends. A wine club event must include food, be closed to the general public in the area where the event is being held and all sales of wine by the bottle to be consumed off premises are subject to applicable tax laws. The D-2 liquor license is only available to businesses that currently hold a Class A-1, A-2 or A-3 restaurant license. Steak and Vine currently holds a Class A-2 restaurant license.

Nick Gangas is the managing partner of the LLC and Michael Wilson is a partner. Nick Gangas is the primary liquor manager.

Managing partner Nick Gangas stated that in the past, Steak and Vine has partnered with other wine stores to host dinner events. However, at this time they would like to start doing their own events. The concept will include wines paired with full dinners or with appetizers. The events will be unique and will likely bring new business into La Grange.

Commissioner Kotynek inquired as to why a segregated area is required for Wine Club events. Ms. Peterson responded that the Wine Club license accounting is able to be handled separately from the restaurant's 60% food, 40% alcohol sales ratio.

Mr. Gangas stated that if a large amount of people are in attendance for the Wine Club event, the back room will be utilized. However if there are smaller events, an area will be blocked off to the general public to fit the Wine Club requirements. Mr. Gangas stated that some of the wine available is sold at liquor stores, but some would only be available through a distributor at an event.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Kotynek and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler that the Liquor Commission recommend: (a) that the Village Board of Trustees creates one new class D-2 Liquor License and (b) that the Liquor Commissioner issues that license to Steak and Vine LLC d/b/a Steak and Vine located at 37 S. La Grange Road. Motion carried.

#### 4. Other Business

##### A. Discussion Regarding Proposed New Business Concept:

Liquor Commissioner Livingston welcomed Bobby Kellman to the meeting and invited him to present his unique business concept which includes various components including experiential retail, private membership, and consumption of alcohol in a private club setting without direct oversight.

Commissioners asked questions regarding the anticipated percentage of revenues from the sale of items vs. private membership; parity with other liquor license establishments in La Grange; and staffing. In addition to liquor license considerations, the proposed business concept may also require zoning considerations as the locations of interest for the new proposed business are both located on the first floor in the C-1 District.

President Livingston thanked Mr. Kellman and advised that the Commission would continue to work with him to refine the business concept in context with reasonable liquor provisions.

##### B. Update Regarding Current Liquor License Holders

Village Manager Peterson provided an update on other activity concerning liquor licensed establishments.

#### 5. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Kotynek 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 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Andrianna Peterson  
Village Manager

Date Approved: