

LA GRANGE LIQUOR COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING

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

Monday, July 8, 2019 – 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 6:45 p.m. by Liquor Commissioner Thomas Livingston.

Present and constituting a quorum were Liquor Commissioner Thomas Livingston, Commissioner Mike Kotynek and Commissioner Mark Kuchler.

Absent: None.

Also present: Village Trustee Beth Augustine, Village Manager Andrianna Peterson, Village Attorney Mark Burkland, Community Development Director Charity Jones, Police Chief Kurt Bluder, and Administrative Intern Kevin Noreikis.

2. Approval of the Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Kotynek and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler to approve the minutes of April 8, 2019, as submitted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

3. Liquor License Request Class A-1 / Forbidden Noodles LLC d/b/a Forbidden Noodles

Liquor Commissioner Livingston asked Village Manager Peterson to provide an overview of the liquor license application.

The Village has received an application for a Class A-1 liquor license from Forbidden Noodles LLC. d/b/a Forbidden Noodles located at 50 S. La Grange Road Suite A. Peter White is a managing member and the store manager (37.5% ownership), Ning Jin is a managing member (37.5% ownership), and Jolanta Millet is a member (25% ownership). Ning Jin and Emerald Furlong will be liquor managers.

Commissioner Livingston thanked the Forbidden Noodles team for attending and explained that La Grange is business friendly. He asked Forbidden Noodle to discuss their business and experience.

Peter White explained that Forbidden Noodles has had a warm reception in La Grange and believes their restaurant is a good fit for the community. They are looking to expand their hours and sell alcohol as they are receiving a significant amount of requests for Asian beer and sake in order to compliment their Asian fusion cuisine.

Mr. White provided information regarding his background.

Commissioner Kuchler inquired as to why they decided to locate in La Grange. Mr. White responded that La Grange has great foot traffic and a solid base of “mom and pop” stores. He noted that during the recession, downtown La Grange was able to retain businesses.

Commissioner Kuchler inquired as to alcohol awareness training for employees. Mr. White provided an overview of his training program and teaching tools.

Commissioner Kotynek asked about the anticipated impacts to revenue with the addition of alcohol. Mr. White stated he was not sure exactly what to expect but typically 15-20% anticipated.

Commissioner Kotynek asked if they are looking into a second location. Mr. White stated that they are not planning a second location at this time.

Commissioner Kotynek asked about the number of employees. Mr. White responded that he currently has 5 or 6 employees but will be looking to add employees if the liquor license is granted.

Commissioner Kotynek complimented the Forbidden Noodles team on their liquor management program for employees.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Kotynek and seconded by Commissioner Kuchler that the Liquor Commission recommends: (a) that the Village Board of Trustees creates one new Class A-1 Liquor License and (b) that the Liquor Commissioner issues that license to Forbidden Noodles LLC d/b/a Forbidden Noodles at 50 S. La Grange Road Suite A. Motion carried.

President Livingston thanked the applicants for their investment and stated that the recommendation for approval would be made to the Village Board at its meeting this evening at 7:30 PM as the Village Board is entering its summer schedule.

#### 4. Other Business

The Commission discussed potential amendments to the Liquor Code as requested by new and prospective businesses. Staff was asked to consider the amendments further and provide additional information to the Liquor Commission for their review and comment.

#### 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 7:28 p.m.

Submitted by:  
Andrianna Peterson  
Village Manager

Date Approved: