

Regular Minutes  
Liquor Board  
March 20, 2017

The Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners met on March 20, 2017, in Room 110 of the Dorchester County Office Building with the following members present: Patti Tieder, Chairwoman; Councilman Ricky Travers, Vice-Chairman; Councilman Tom Bradshaw; Shirley Satterfield; Patrick W. Thomas, Attorney for the Liquor Board and Jeff Beever Liquor License Inspector. Dwight Cromwell was not present.

The Board of License Commissioners convened in open session with Chairwoman Patti Tieder presiding.

The Board approved Regular minutes from the February 27, 2017 meeting.

The Board reviewed a Beer and Wine Festival Application submitted by the Attorney for the Board; Patrick Thomas and the Liquor Board Inspector; Jeff Beever. Mr. Beever explained it was modeled off of Title 19 §1304 regulation. Chairwoman Tieder expressed concern that it was an application for one time a year only. Mr. Thomas explained the applicant could apply for one date during the year and would have to re-apply the following year. It was also clarified that there would only be one festival per year, chosen by the Board. Mr. Thomas recommended that the Board should not organize the event and was agreed by the Board. Councilman Travers requested to determine when the regulation was implemented.

Councilman Travers questioned what should the fee for the License be. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Beever recommended the fee be set at \$50.00. A motion was made by Councilman Bradshaw to set the application fee at \$50.00 and second by Councilman Travers. All was in favor. A motion was then made by Councilman Travers to accept the application and second by Councilman Bradshaw. All members were in favor of the application. There was no other discussion on the application.

Ed Johnson, representing The Wine Bar at 414 Race St. Cambridge MD was sworn in for testimony by the Attorney for the Board, Patrick Thomas. Mr. Johnson has submitted an application for a Beer and Wine Festival License to be located at the Sailwinds Park, Cambridge MD. Mr. Johnson is planning a Beer & Wine, Oyster Festival, titled as "Chillin on the Chesapeake", that would benefit the local YMCA in the city of Cambridge and the Dorchester Chamber scholarship fund. The event will be on Memorial Day weekend. The Friday event would start at 6:00 pm including a dinner and a small jazz ensemble. Saturday would start at 12:00 pm with a Jazz band as entertainment. Mr. Johnson noted that the event would be as simple as possible working with a wholesaler,

Prestige Distributors with a couple of local vendors including food vendors. Wine and beer tasting would be available with the products for sale. Wristbands would be required and everyone would pass through a merge tent with a pre-sold ticket and an ID check.

There was concern from the Board and the Attorney how would it be determined to be fair to another participants that may request to have another event. Mr. Johnson was receptive to anyone joining the event. In the future the event would have to be publicized to the general public. Mr. Johnson recommended to form a non-profit to organize the event in the future. There was further discussion on how other Counties handled a Festival and how many events take place each year.

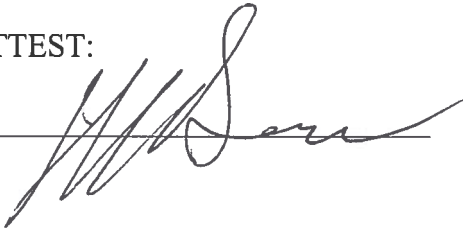
Mr. Johnson noted that he predicts that the public would attend and have a good time and would not be a cheap drunk or a drunk feast. The event would be monitored closely. There would only be tastings on the premises. Full glasses of wine or beer would be for sale at a separate tent. Purchased bottled items would be picked up when exiting the event.

Everyone wished Mr. Johnson a successful event.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2017.

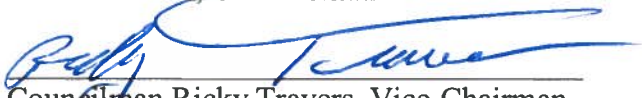
With no further business to discuss, the Board of License Commissioners was adjourned from Open Session.

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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

  
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Patti C. Tieder, Chairwoman

  
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Councilman Ricky Travers, Vice-Chairman

  
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Councilman Tom Bradshaw

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Dwight Cromwell  
  
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Shirley Satterfield

Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017.