

**Queen Anne's County Liquor Board
Minutes of Meeting**

April 3, 2018

The Board of License Commissioners of Queen Anne's County met on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. at 110 Vincit St., Centreville, MD. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John T. McQueeney. Those present were: John T. McQueeney, Chairman; Gene M. Ransom, Esq., Vice-Chairman; Maurice D. Dashiell, Joyce E. Jones, Esq., and Thomas E. Beery, Members; Jeffrey E. Thompson, Esq., Attorney for the Board; Cathy Maxwell, Clerk to the Board; William J. Council, Liquor Inspector; Vivian Swinson, Zoning Administrator.

The following Special/Temporary licenses were reviewed and approved:

Friends of Rick Bower – Date of events – April 19 and May 17
Goodwill Vol. Fire Co. – Date of event – April 21
Talisman Therapeutic Riding, Inc. – Date of event - May 5
Veteran's Artist Program – Date of event – May 12

The Board reviewed an application for advertising a Class "B" beer and wine license for Michael Cronin, for the benefit of D'Alessio's Wood Fire Pizza, LLC, trading as D'Alessio's Wood-Fired Pizza, located at 206 Duke St., Stevensville, MD 21666. Joseph McQueeney, Esq., attorney for the applicant, appeared before the Board. He presented a plat (7 pages) to the Board of the subject property and outlined in yellow highlight the licensed premises. There is an outdoor pavilion and an indoor dining area. The Board had concerns because of the proximity to the school. The 500 ft. requirement from schools does not apply to Class "B" licenses. Mr. Joseph McQueeney said the applicant is seeking beer and wine only, not liquor. It will be "on sale" only. Their intention is to have customers be able to have a glass of wine with their pizza. The burden is on the license holder to not serve anyone under age. There is a bar in close proximity to the school also and this requested license would have less effect. D'Alessio's has limited hours, Tuesday thru Saturday. A motion was made by Mr. Ransom, seconded by Mr. Dashiell, to approve the application for advertising. All members voted in favor. Mr. Thompson said the paperwork was in order, except that they do not have sufficient signatures yet. Mr. McQueeney said he would supply these to the Board's Clerk by this Friday.

Mr. Brooks McNew and Mr. Jesse McNew from Glass Valve Brewing, Stevensville, MD appeared before the Board. They are planning to operate a brewery for beer at the old Acme building and would like to apply for a Class "D" tavern license at the May meeting. They plan to brew and keg beer on the premises. They have space set aside in the building for canning and bottling. The Class "5" state license does not allow them to sell food other than snacks. They do not intend to have a restaurant on the premises. They have talked to restaurants in close proximity who have said they could deliver food to the brewery. Their building is currently on a well, not public water and sewer. Mr. Brooks McNew said he and his brother are scheduled to

be out of town on May 1, the day of the next Board meeting. Mr. Thompson said the application can be reviewed for advertising without them being present.

The hearing scheduled for a new Class "B" Beer and Wine License for Joseph P. Candella, Sr., Eileen P. Candella and Audrey V. Candella for the Benefit of The Lion's Den Ice Cream Parlor, LLC, trading as The Lion's Den Ice Cream Parlor is postponed until the May 1, 1018 meeting by request of the applicant.

Mr. Warren Wright, Drug Free Coalition, appeared before the Board. He gave the Board a handout depicting how to identify horizontal and vertical licenses which will be included with 2018 license renewals. He is waiting for approval from State Highway Administration to erect larger heroin signs stating overdoses and deaths in the State of Md. There have been 22 overdoses and 3 deaths in Queen Anne's Co. There was a very good motivational speaker last week for middle and high school students about alcohol but the turnout was low. Mr. Beery said he attended and felt the speaker made a huge impact on the students who attended. Mr. Wright said in 2014 saturation patrols and compliance checks cost \$76,000. The cost is much less now. Mr. Wright said someone mentioned to him that a "chain store" cannot have a liquor license in Queen Anne's Co. Mr. Thompson said that restaurants are not considered chain stores, they are franchises.

Mr. McQueeney congratulated Ms. Vivian Swinson on her promotion to Zoning Administrator for the County.

Mr. Council did 70 business checks and 7 compliance checks with no violations for the month of March. Everyone has submitted their 2018 license renewal application which were due April 1.

The Board discussed the premises map that was submitted for Kentmorr Restaurant. Mr. Council said where the map says "pool", that is fenced off. The fence goes down to the water line. The property from the water line to the fence is not used for anything. They do not have permission to sell alcohol on the parking lot. Mr. Ransom made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to approve the changes that Mr. McQueeney has drawn in red on the premises map and that if the applicant has concerns about the drawing, they will be put first on the May 1 agenda to discuss additional changes. This way there will be no interruption in the license and if there is a problem the Board will have time to address it. All members voted in favor. The premises map outlined in red was marked Exhibit #1. Mr. Council said the applicant has been out of town but he thinks she has returned.

Concerning pending legislation, Mr. Beery said in 2016 "drinking in public" was addressed. This is §6:321-22 of the Code. It is not this Board's responsibility to enforce it but perhaps to make the public aware. Mr. Wright said he did some research on this and he would be glad to assist in making people aware. Mr. Thompson will follow up on this regulation.

The Board reviewed the 2018 renewal applications. All applications were submitted by the April 1 deadline. Mr. Council said he has no problem with any of the businesses. He will be contacting Ms. Harper about the premises map. Mr. Ransom made a motion, seconded by Mr.

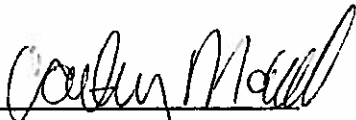
Beery, to approve all renewal applications, contingent upon payment upon receipt of their new 2018 license. All members voted in favor.

The Board discussed attending the MALA conference in Ocean City on May 11-12. Mr. McQueeney, Mr. Ransom, Ms. Jones, Mr. Beery, Mr. Council and Mr. Thompson plan to attend. Available County funding will be provided. A motion was made by Mr. Ransom, seconded by Ms. Jones, that the Board request County funding for this conference for two nights and the convention cost. All members voted in favor.

Mr. Mike Wisnosky, Director of Planning & Zoning, then appeared before the Board concerning County funding for conferences. He said the budget was done a year ago and money for conferences was included for the Department. They did not specifically budget money to send this Board to a conference but some funding may be available. He needs to know how much it is going to cost and then determine whether or not the funds are available. The cost will be determined and given to Mr. Wisnosky.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Maxwell, Clerk



John T. McQueeney, Chairman