



Village of Addison

MINUTES ADVISORY LIQUOR COMMISSION TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Addison Village Hall
Room 2002
One Friendship Plaza
Addison, IL 60101

Liquor Commissioner Rich Veenstra

Commission Members present:

Rick Delawder
Tony Amato
Carol Cesario
Mike Hartnett

1. **Call to order, roll call**

The September 6, 2022 Advisory Liquor Commission meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick Delawder. Also in attendance were: Commission Members Tony Amato, Carol Cesario and Mike Hartnett; Village Manager Joe Maranowicz, Police Director Bill Hayden, Detective Commander Jose Gonzalez; Attorney David Freeman and Attorney Patrick Miner; and staff members Alyssa Cornelius and Mary Heneghan.

Representing Vicki Organization LLC d/b/a Vicki's was Angelo Apostolou.

2. **Approval of the minutes of the August 2, 2022 meeting**

Commission Member Cesario made a motion to recommend acceptance, seconded by Commission Member Amato. Motion approved unanimously.

3. **Liquor License Application Public Hearing for Vicki Organization LLC d/b/a Vicki's at 190 N. Swift Road Unit M, Class "A-1"**

Mary Heneghan swore in the applicant.

Mr. Apostolou explained the concept for this self-pour establishment. Patrons will be presented with a card to use in the self-pour kiosk to purchase beer, wine or mixed drinks, and are charged per ounce. There is a 32 ounce limit on the card. There will also be a light food menu, and in the back of the establishment will be a video gaming room.

Mr. Apostolou continued that this is a fairly new concept and that there a handful of these locations in the suburbs and city and they are doing well. His background is in food and real estate industries, and he has experience is serving alcohol. He reviewed the floorplan with the Commission. Mr. Apostolou stated that as of right now they plan to be open until 1am during the week and until 2am on the weekends, opening at 9am. The prices of the alcoholic beverages is still being evaluated, it depends on what they purchase to put into the kiosks.

Director Hayden questioned the capacity, and Mr. Apostolou stated that the final number will be provided by the Fire Department, but he estimates approximately 20-25 people. Everyone will be carded, but you do not have to be 21 years old to enter. He estimates having one or two employees. Director Hayden explained the compliance checks that the Police Department conducts during the year. He also stressed that the Police Department has established good working relationships with the liquor establishments here in town, and he encouraged Mr. Apostolou to contact the Police Department any time assistance may be needed. Detective Commander Gonzalez reported that there were no issues with the background check.

Attorneys Jim Diamond and Scott Ferrill had public comment for this item. Mr. Ferrill stated that the City of Naperville did not create a new liquor license classification for their self-pour location, nor do they allow mixed drinks in the kiosks. He stated that it is unfair to the existing liquor license holders to have this new category. Naperville limits patrons to 24 ounces of beer and 6 ounces of wine, and they require these establishments to have full kitchens. The number of "permits" that Naperville issues for these types of establishments is capped, and it's mandatory for them to keep 90 days of video for each dispenser. They have one Bassett certified employee for every 35 patrons. He stated again that this makes it harder on other liquor license holders in town, as there is a big cost difference. He stated that Addison should require what Naperville requires. Commission Member Amato asked who he was there representing, and he introduced Soula Iliopoulos from Gametime 190, which is in close proximity to where this new establishment is looking to open. Attorney Diamond stated that four 8-ounce cocktails is a lot of alcohol with no human intervention. Mr. Apostolou commented that Naperville has a very different set up (over 30 taps) than what he is proposing in Addison. He stated that he is more than willing to limit the ounces of alcoholic drinks and that the machines can be programmed to different specifications. Village Manager Maranowicz informed these attorneys that the Advisory Liquor Commission does not establish or approve Ordinances - that is the responsibility of the Village Board. Chairman Delawder thanked Mr. Diamond and Mr. Ferrill for their input.

Commission Member Hartnett made a motion to recommend approval of this liquor license application, seconded by Commission Member Amato. The motion was approved unanimously. The next steps of the process were reviewed with the applicant.

4. **Liquor License Violation Complaint for Nitti Addison LLC d/b/a Lucia Rose located at 1570 W. Lake Street, Unit 104**

Detective Commander Gonzalez reported that the Police Department received information that this restaurant was selling alcohol outside of the scope of their liquor license (in their outdoor patio area). On August 4th, two undercover officers were able to eat and drink alcohol outside. The owner was contacted and came to the Police Department and was served the complaint for the liquor license violation, which included the date and time of this hearing today. Mr. Nitti (the owner) was not in attendance for today's hearing.

Village Manager Maranowicz explained that the issue is with the owner serving alcohol outside without the proper license, and not with the waitresses that served the undercover officers. The owner provided many reasons as to the delay in getting his outdoor area approved by the Health Department, but he understands and is aware he will be fined. Village Manager Maranowicz further explained that Community Development has a list of guidelines that must be followed for outdoor patios and Mr. Nitti has submitted plans to be approved by the Village Board; he has also

been given the application for a Class "O" liquor license, which allows for the service of alcohol on an outdoor patio. Village Manager Maranowicz stated that Mr. Nitti was aware that he could not serve alcohol in his outdoor patio area.

Commission Member Hartnett made a motion to impose a \$3,000.00 fine to Mr. Nitti, seconded by Commission Member Cesario. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. **Police Reports**

None

6. **Old Business**

None

7. **New Business**

None

8. **Other Business at the discretion of the Chairman**

None

9. **Executive Session if needed**

Not needed

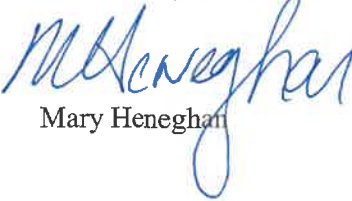
10. **Audience Participation**

None

11. **Adjournment**

Commission Member Amato made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:50pm, seconded by Commission Member Cesario.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mary Heneghan