

**LIQUOR AND LICENSE COMMISSION**  
**McHenry County Government Center – Administration Building**  
**667 Ware Road**  
**Woodstock IL 60098**

MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2005

Chairman Hammerand called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. The following members were in attendance: John Hammerand, Chairman; Anna May Miller; Nick Provenzano; and Pete Merkel. Ed Dvorak was absent. Also in attendance: Tom Carroll and Jamie Rein, Assistant State's Attorneys.

John Hammerand, Chairman  
Ed Dvorak                      Pete Merkel  
Anna May Miller              Nick Provenzano

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: On a motion by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Provenzano, the Commission approved the regular session minutes of September 14, 2005 as presented with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

NEW BUSINESS

*Raffle Permits:* After a review of two Raffle Permit applications, Mr. Provenzano made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller, to approve a Raffle Permit for the McHenry County Harley Owners Group and for the Cary Grove Jaycees. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Miller, Merkel, Provenzano, and Hammerand).

*New Liquor Application:* Mr. Kalpesh Patel met with the Commission and submitted his completed application for a new liquor license. Mr. Patel will be leasing the Crystal Lake Citgo located at 5604 S. Route 31, Crystal Lake. He has applied as a Corporation known as KPC Store Inc. After a review of all documents, Mr. Provenzano made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller, to approve a Liquor License for Mr. Patel pending the return of the previous liquor license issued to RSS and finger print results. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Miller, Merkel, Provenzano and Hammerand).

The Commission reviewed the completed application for a new liquor license for the establishment previously known as Sunrise Grocery located in Wonder Lake. The new application is a corporation – Wonder Lake Enterprises. Following are the officers of said Corporation: President – Bhadresh Patel; V-P – Balvant Patel; Secretary – Jagdish Shah; and Treasurer – Ramesh Vadher. The manager will be the previous owner – Ross Schultz. Pending receipt of the following items, a health permit, articles of incorporation, closing documents, receipt of current liquor license and finger print results, Mr. Provenzano made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller, to approve a liquor license for Wonder Lake Enterprises. The motion carried three ayes (Miller, Merkel and Hammerand) and one nay (Provenzano).

OLD BUSINESS

*Proposed Amendments to the Liquor Ordinance:* The Commission reviewed proposed amendments to the Liquor Ordinance. After a review of the revisions, Ms. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mr. Merkel, to recommend the County Board approve the amendments to the Liquor Control and Liquor Licensing Ordinance as submitted. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Miller, Merkel, Provenzano and Hammerand).

*Incident Report:* One report has been received for the Lizard Lounge in Wonder Lake. Ms. Rein noted that the incident involved a fight and the owner had taken the proper steps to address this event.

Mr. Hammerand citing an incident in Woodstock, he asked Mr. Carroll if it was illegal to provide free samples of alcoholic beverages in an establishment or grocery store. Mr. Carroll stated it is his understanding that this would be illegal under State Statues.

Ms. Miller raised concern that an establishment whose business was mainly serving pizza and food as a family type business (i.e., the Pizza Den) as considering doing away with food and becoming a tavern only. She noted that this business is in a residential area and asked if our ordinance addressed these changes to the nature of the business. During a discussion, it was noted that this would be a zoning issue since this property is currently zoned for a liquor business.

Mr. Provenzano noted that he is aware of a current owner who has raised many problems with the community. This owner appears to have a pattern of employing people without sufficient funds to cover payroll. Mr. Provenzano has asked that letters be sent to him from those concerned citizens so this problem can be addressed. Members felt the payroll issue could best be addressed by the State Department of Labor. Mr. Carroll will do more research on this matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
None

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Provenzano seconded by Ms. Miller, with all members present voting aye.

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