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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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Daniel Sarefield, Chairman

Richard Boscardin

John Zarrella

MINUTES OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners was held on May 16, 2022 over the Zoom meeting platform, and called to order by Commissioner Sarefield at 6:02 PM. Commissioners Boscardin and Zarrella were also present at the meeting. FPD Liaison Sergeant Boudreau, City Clerk Joanna Bilotta-Simeone and Assistant City Clerk Amanda Alford were present.

I. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

1. Regular Meeting of April 20, 2022

Minutes approved unanimous consent 3/0

2. Special Meeting of April 29, 2022

Commissioner Zarrella abstained from the vote. Minutes approved unanimous consent 2/0

3. Regular Meeting of May 2, 2022

Minutes approved unanimous consent 3/0

II. NEW APPLICATIONS

Monday through Saturday Entertainment Permit

1. Nathan LaRose, Recreation Department Director, River Front Park, O Boulder Dr., for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing.

Application approved by a unanimous roll call vote 3/0

2. Nathan LaRose, Recreation Department Director, Uppercommon, O Main St., for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing.

Application approved by a unanimous roll call vote 3/0

3. Nathan LaRose, Recreation Department Director, Cogshall Park, O South St., for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing.

Application approved by a unanimous roll call vote 3/0

4. Game on Bar & Grill, 100 Game on Way, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, and DJ.

Mr. Peter Sangermano was present at the meeting. He stated that he was applying for this permit for the purpose of having live entertainment in the Bar & Grill on the second floor. He stated that when they designed the room they planned for corner area where music could be played and that the fire alarm system that was installed is designed to shut off sound. Commissioner Boscardin asked whether bands will be performing. Mr. Sangermano stated that they plan to have solo performances along with small 2 and 3 piece bands. He noted the nights they plan to have entertainment would primarily be on Thursday and Friday with the possibility on Saturday night if they don't have leagues playing. Sgt. Boudreau stated his department did not have any concerns with the application.

Application approved by a unanimous roll call vote 3/0

5. Iglesia Pentecostal Cassa Del Alfarero, 200 Daniels Street, for worship service on June 25, 2022 from 12PM to 3PM for live amplified music, DJ, and dancing.

As applicant was not present, application continued to June 6, 2022 by unanimous roll call vote 3/0

Sunday Entertainment Permit

1. Nathan LaRose, Recreation Department Director, Coggs Hall Park, O South St., for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing.

Application approved by a unanimous roll call vote 3/0

2. JoAnn Fitz Memorial Playground, Green St, for DJ on May 22, 2022 from 10AM to 2:30PM.

Ms. Hannah Pollen was present at the meeting. Commissioner Sarefield asked Ms. Pollen to provide an overview of the event. Ms. Pollen stated that she was helping to host an event with the Community Leadership Institute in which they will be hosting a Community Cuts Day and provide free haircuts for children. She stated that they have a DJ that has volunteered to provide entertainment at the event. Sgt. Boudreau stated his department did not have any concerns with the application.

Application approved by a unanimous roll call vote 3/0

Application for a new Retail On-Premise, All Alcohol Beverage License

The Cellar, 14 Mill Street

(Refer to a public hearing on June 6, 2022)

Mr. Mike Roy was present at the meeting. Commissioner Sarefield stated that he was excited to see someone taking over this establishment and asked Mr. Roy to provide an overview of his plans. Mr. Roy stated that he began renting the location a couple months ago with the intent of reopening as a bar. He noted that he has been working with the Building and Board of Health Departments to get up to code with everything inside the building. Commissioner Sarefield asked Mr. Roy if he had worked with an attorney to complete the application. Mr. Roy stated that he did have an attorney but that he had completed the application himself. It was noted that the application should be amended to reflect a Classification Type of "General On-Premise" rather than "Club". Mr. Roy stated that he would provide the City Clerk's Office with the amended page to the application.

Application accepted and referred to a public hearing on June 6, 2022 by a unanimous roll call vote 3/0

III. OTHER

Proposed Lodging House Regulations and Guidelines.

Ms. Liz Murphy, Director of Housing & Development was present at the meeting. Ms. Murphy stated that she has been working towards being more transparent and consistent with the process of applying for lodging house licenses. She stated with that in mind, she wanted to present the proposed regulations for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Sarefield thanked Ms. Murphy for providing the Board with the draft. He stated that he recognized there was a gap that needed to be filled and agreed that the Board should adopt guidelines as they are the final step in the approval process. He stated the Board would review the draft in further detail and requested it be provided in final format for the Boards consideration at their next meeting.

Matter continued to June 6, 2022 by unanimous roll call vote 3/0

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None

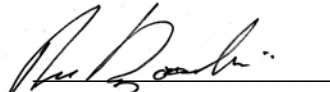
The meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda K. Alford, Assistant City Clerk

Approved:


Daniel Sarefield


Richard Boscardin


John Zarrella