

**MINUTES OF THE
OAK RIDGE BEER BOARD**
Regular Meeting

Municipal Building Training Room – Room 104
Monday, November 10, 2014
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Randy Tedford, Secretary Bailey, Colin Colverson, Darren Osborne, Debra Solmonson, and Wendy Williams

ABSENT: Theresa Scott

ALSO PRESENT: Tammy Dunn, Senior Staff Attorney / Staff Liaison to Board
Alan Massengill, Deputy Chief of Police

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Michael Foster, Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention

ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE

Chairman Tedford called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. All members were present except Ms. Scott who notified the Legal Department and Chairman Tedford in advance of her absence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Bailey moved, seconded by Ms. Solmonson, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2014 meeting and the motion carried by a vote of 4-0 with Chairman Tedford and Mr. Osborne abstaining from the vote.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW BEER PERMITS AND ASSOCIATED MANAGER APPROVAL APPLICATIONS

Application #1508
Throttle Down Bar & Grill
Throttle Down Bar & Grill Inc., Owner
Larry Davidson, Manager
259 Warehouse Road
Class C Permit

Mr. Davidson and attorney Curtis Isabell were present to discuss the beer permit application. (Note – Mr. Sexton and Ms. Davidson were present in the audience.) In response to questions by the Board, Mr. Davidson and Mr. Isabell stated the owners have read the ordinances, understand that they will not be penalized for calling the police before issues get out of hand, and will monitor the parking lot (and have cameras to assist with monitoring). Mr. Isabell stated the prior detainer action against Throttle Down has been withdrawn by the property owner and all issues resolved, and he will bring documentation to show the property owner is moving forward with Throttle Down Bar & Grill Inc. (under new ownership) and not Ridge Runner's Bar & Grill who applied previously before the Board. Ms. Dunn stated the life safety inspection and background checks were complete.

Chairman Tedford moved, seconded by Secretary Bailey, to approve the beer permit and manager application subject to receipt of documentation showing the property owner is moving forward with this tenant and the motion carried unanimously.

Application #1509

Secret City Pies
Terry and Leisa Hope, Owners
Leisa Hope, Manager
979 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Class C Permit

Mrs. Hope was present to discuss the beer permit application and her manager application. In response to questions by the Board, Mrs. Hope stated the business will require ID of all beer purchasers, will allow beer to be sold without a food purchase, will not over-serve, understands that the business will not be penalized for calling the police before issues get out of hand, and has read the beer ordinances. The Board encouraged, but did not require, formal training in beer sales. Mrs. Hope also informed the Board cameras are present at the business. Ms. Dunn stated the life safety inspection and background checks were complete.

Chairman Tedford moved, seconded by Mr. Colverson, to approve the beer permit and manager application and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW MANAGER APPROVAL APPLICATIONS

Kathryn Todd
New Manager
Red Lobster
359 S. Illinois Avenue

Ms. Todd was present to discuss her application (Ms. Todd was previously approved by the Board, however, a new manager application was required due to a change in corporate ownership of the business.)

Having no problems at this location, Secretary Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Osborne, to approve the manager application and the motion carried unanimously.

David P. Eckman
Replacement Manager
Arts Council of Oak Ridge
Events at Bissell Park

Mr. Eckman was present to discuss his application. In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Eckman discussed his prior experience in serving alcoholic beverages and stated sales of beer at the Secret City Festival would continue as they have in the past. Mr. Eckman further stated Mr. Dodson would still be involved in the Arts Council and the sale of beer at the Festival.

Secretary Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Colverson, to approve the manager application and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW / OLD BUSINESS

Reports from Oak Ridge Police Department (if any)

Deputy Chief Massengill reported on recent activity but none that required any Board response at this time.

Discussion of Recent Board Action

At the initiation of the City Manager, the Board discussed their response to recent activity by beer permittees and discussed the possibility of developing a progressive approach for response. When the Police Department and/or the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission has reported to the Board a concern with a beer permitted business, the Board discussed the possibility of submitting a list of questions to a beer permittee and inviting the business to come to a regular meeting of the Board for discussion of the issue. The Board discussed that this approach was done in the past by the Board and is a way to quickly receive answers to the Board's concerns.

Possible Change of Meeting Dates/Times

Chairman Tedford asked the Board to think about their schedules for a possible move of the Board meeting date/time for discussion when the full Board is present.

ASAP – Statistical Information

Michael Foster, Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP), asked the Board if they wanted him to report on the statistical information he received on sales of beer to minors in the area. The Board requested this information be presented at the December meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m. upon motion of Secretary Bailey, seconded by Chairman Tedford, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signature on official copy in City Clerk's Office)

Barton Bailey, Secretary