

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

June 4, 2019

9:00 a.m.

The Board of License Commissioners of Queen Anne's County met on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 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; Crystal Richard, Esq., Attorney for the Board; Cathy Maxwell, Clerk to the Board; William J. Council, Liquor Inspector; Mike Wisnosky, Director of Planning & Zoning; and Vivian Swinson, Zoning Administrator.

The Minutes from the May 7, 2019 Liquor Board meeting were approved as written.

The following Special/Temporary licenses were reviewed and approved:

Team Peake, Inc. - Date of event – June 7

Md. Recreation and Parks Assoc. (MRPA) – Date of event – July 31

Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church – Date of event – September 14

Brooks McNew and Rohry Flood from Cult Classic Brewing, Stevensville, MD appeared before the Board to request a one-day expansion for an event to be held on Sunday, June 30 for a collaboration with Black Bottom Farms. Their recent event held on May 19 went off with no problems. Mr. Flood said he thought they could save themselves from coming back and forth to the Board by requesting several events today. They would like to do a similar event in July with the same footprint outside. They would also like to start advertising their one year anniversary party in August but they want to confirm that this will be permitted. So their request is for one-day events on June 30, July 13, and Friday, August 2 through Sunday, August 4, all at the same location. They are also having a car show on Sunday, June 16. Brooks McNew said the car show people are advertising their start time as 9:00 a.m. but he knows he cannot sell alcohol before 10:00 a.m. Ms. Richard said the Board may want to consider how many events a year to permit under this type of scenario. Ms. Richard said if they decided to expand their premises, it would be basically like applying for a new license. Mr. Ransom made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to approve the expansions for June 16, June 30, July 13 and August 2 through August 4. All members voted in favor. Mr. McQueeney said if there are any problems at these events, they will have to come back to the Board.

The Board reviewed a proposed amendment to Alcoholic Beverages Article III amending Section 27-1401(c)(4). Mr. Ransom suggested that due to timelines, that this proposal be set for a public hearing at the July 2, 2019 meeting. Mr. Beery said he had a conversation recently with a member of the delegation and it is his understanding that the State Comptroller is not in favor

of this type of change. Mr. Beery said he is not aware of any county that has this provision. He said Montgomery Co. changed their regulations last year to allow an applicant in the county to have more than one "B" license throughout the state but no more than one within the county. Mr. Ransom made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to schedule this proposed amendment for a public hearing on Tuesday, July 2. All members voted in favor.

Mr. Council did 95 business checks for May. Everyone has their current alcohol license displayed properly. He completed 13 compliance checks with no violations. He has 21 compliance checks remaining to be completed by July 1. Mr. Council said if any of the Board members see a violation occurring, they should call the Sheriff's Office, since Mr. Council cannot always go to the premises as promptly.

The Board discussed a licensed establishment that has reported problems with parking and drinking off premises. Mr. McQueeney receives numerous phone calls regarding this. Ms. Jones suggested that people who make the phone calls should instead make a formal written complaint to this Board. Mr. Wisnosky appeared before the Board regarding the permitting process and said this establishment is currently in compliance. Mr. Wisnosky and Ms. Swinson to date have received no complaints. Ms. Swinson said parking complaints should come directly to her office. If her office were to receive complaints then future permitting would be examined. Mr. Dashiell said this Board is responsible for the alcohol license and not the other problems. Ms. Richard cautioned the Board members about entertaining conversations with the public directly as that could cause them to have to recuse themselves at future hearings. Ms. Jones said the Board members should tell people that this Board and Planning & Zoning can do nothing without something in writing. Mr. Ransom said people with concerns can file a petition and then this Board can review the particular alcohol license at renewal time.

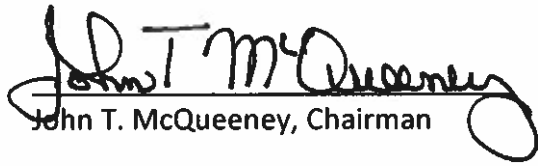
Mr. Wisnosky discussed the upcoming events for Cult Classic Brewing that were approved today. He requested that the Board consider the number of events that will be permitted. Cult Classic Brewing came to the Permit Office in the spring and wanted to do outside recreation. Volleyball courts, corn hole, etc. on the parking lot. Ms. Swinson advised them that this would impact their parking and they would need to amend their site plan. Mr. Beery said there was a bill in the legislature that would allow the State to grant them these licenses that this Board would have to accept. That bill was changed and now reads, "may" instead of "shall".

Mr. McQueeney thanked Mr. Ransom for the last four years being a member of this Board and doing an excellent job. Mr. Ransom thanked everyone and said he has enjoyed the last four years.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, July 2, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cathy Maxwell, Clerk


John T. McQueeney, Chairman