

Allegany County Board of License Commissioners

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Cumberland, MD 21502

Tom Farrell, Chairman

P. Terry Carolan, Chief Inspector

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Tom Melvin, Inspector

Danny Laffey, Commissioner

Brandy Gordon, Clerk

MINUTES – May 3, 2023

The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners held a meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. The meeting was conducted at 10:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex. Present for the meeting was Chairman - Thomas Farrell, Commissioner - C. Ron Miller, Commissioner – Dan Laffey, Inspector – Tom Melvin, Chief Inspector – Terry Carolan, and Office Clerk – Brandy Gordon. Board Attorney Ramani Pillai was in attendance for the meeting. Also in attendance were Rick Kruczewski, Mark Morral, Michael Reid, Chris C., Juli McCoy, Brandy Lynch, Jeff Hedrick, and Robin Summerfield.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrell. The Board approved the April 18, 2023 minutes.

A One-day special class “C” license (Beer, wine and liquor) was approved for Robin Summerfield and Jamey Hill with the Cumberland Scottish Rite Foundation Inc. The license is for Saturday, May 6, 2023 for a Ladies Night Banquet held at the Masonic Temple, 15 Greene Street, Cumberland. Mr. Summerfield said that this was a by reservation only event. They have about 50 reservations. There will be no minors present for the event. There will be a cash bar where they will be checking for identification.

A One-day special class “C” license (Beer and wine) was approved for Robin Summerfield and Gerard LaFemina with Savage Mountain Punk Arts Inc. The license is for Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Hoffman Hollow Park, 11298-11200 Hoffman Hollow Road SW, Frostburg. Mr. Summerfield stated that there would be about eight bands present for the event. There will be minors present for this event. Canned beer will be sold at the event and require an “over 21” wristband.

A One-day special class “C” license (Beer and wine) was approved for Juli McCoy, Patrick Buck, and Richard Leimbach with the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce. The license is for Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at the Startup Portal, 48 North Centre Street, Cumberland. Juli McCoy stated that this is for the After-Hours Program. The cost of the alcohol was included in the ticket sales. This is a social networking event.

A One-day special class "C" license (beer and wine) was approved for Brandy Lynch with the Western Maryland Jaycees. The license is for Saturday, June 17, 2023 at the Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11400 Moss Avenue, Cumberland. Brandy Lynch said that this is for the Wing-Off event. She stated that ABATE and off duty police officers would be providing security for the event. There will be minors present for the event. All participants will receive a wristband and anyone over 21 will receive a different color wristband than the minors. The Board reminded her that no alcohol should be being brought into the fairgrounds during the event off premises. No bring your own alcohol

A One-day special class "C" license (beer) was approved for Michael Reid and John Bailey Jr for the Western Maryland Street Rod Association for four days beginning Wednesday, May 24 and running through Saturday, May 27, 2023. This event will take place at the Western Maryland Street Rod Association Lot, 11400 Moss Ave, Cumberland. Michael Reid stated that this would be the first time for this camping event and proceeds would go to the Holding Hands for Haley Foundation. He also stated that they would be selling canned beer. The Board reminded him as well that this can't be a "Bring your own" event and with camping going on this would need to be closely monitored.

A One-day special class "C" license (Beer and wine) was approved for Chris Garrity and Jeff Hedrick with the ARC of Frederick County. The license is for Saturday, May 6, 2023 at the Canal Place Festival Grounds, 13 Canal Street, Cumberland. This will be a food and music festival. Jeff Hedrick stated that identification would be checked at the gate and anyone over 21 would be given a wristband. There will be minors present for the event. Minors will be given different colored wristbands. The event will be monitored by Archway and the Western Maryland security police. The Board again reminded no alcoholic beverages are to be brought into the event.

There were no violation hearings scheduled for this meeting. A reminder was given to everyone about the meeting tomorrow, Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 1:00 PM in the Hitchins Building at Frostburg State University in regards to The Beach Club.

Rodney McIntyre was not present at this meeting, but sent an email stating that he was waiting for the comptroller to clear up the confusion still. He stated that he has filed necessary paperwork. A copy of the email was provided to the Board.

The Board was made aware that the state liquor inspector seized alcohol from The Loft 129 on Friday, April 28. Jacob Ford with Happy Pigeon LLC stopped by the office on May 2, 2023 to inform the Liquor Board that they do not plan on opening until early 2024 as of now. Lashbaugh's West provided a letter stating that they would be moving their license to Hoffman Hollow Park on May 28, 2023.

An update was given on the renewal process. A list was provided of establishments that have not picked up their 2023 Liquor license. A final call will be made to all establishments today. Frostburg State University will not be required to provide a copy of their trader's license because they are a governmental unit (Subtitle 18, Section 17-1804. – Trader's license required.)

There was general discussion among the Board. The Delfest license will be handled at the next meeting. A training seminar will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2023 at Carroll Community College. Chairman Farrell and Office Clerk, Brandy Gordon were granted permission to attend. Everyone was again reminded to spread the word about Club advertisements must be advertised as members and guests.

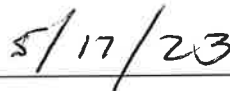
Inspectors reported on 178 routine inspections between April 18, 2023 and May 2, 2023. Inspectors were given a copy of the new inspection form they are to fill out when they are performing their inspection. These inspection forms will be the way the office will keep track of establishment compliance. Chief Inspector, Terry Carolan, also stated that he would be retiring at the end of May. Chairman Farrell requested a signed letter of resignation from him.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Farrell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller and unanimously approved by Commissioner Laffey.



Thomas Farrell, Chairman



Date