

Allegany County Board of License Commissioners

701 Kelly Road, Room 112

Cumberland, MD 21502

Tom Farrell, Chairman

Tom Melvin, Acting Chief Inspector

C Ron Miller, Commissioner

Brandy Gordon, Clerk

Danny Laffey, Commissioner

MINUTES – June 21, 2023

The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners held a meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 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, and Office Clerk – Brandy Gordon. Also in attendance were Jeff Hedrick, Mark Knippenberg, Larry Jackson, James Roderick, Brian Bowers, and Rodney McIntyre. State Liquor Inspector, Dave Marple, was also present for the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrell. The Board approved the June 7, 2023 minutes.

A One-day special class “C” license (Beer and wine) was approved for Jeffrey Hedrick and Chris Garrity for the ARC of Frederick. The license is for Saturday, June 24, 2023 at Canal Place, 13 Canal Street, Cumberland. This is for the Rockin’ Barbecue Festival. There will be bands and food vendors present for the event. Locally trained bartenders will be serving the alcohol. There will be a special tent area to get your ID checked to receive an over 21 bracelet. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve, Commissioner Laffey seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

There was a violation hearing for the Loft 129 located at 129 Baltimore Street, Cumberland. State Liquor Inspector, Dave Marple, read the violation report from April 28, 2023. James Roderick, Larry Jackson, and Brian Bowers all agreed with the report. The Loft 129 purchased alcohol from other than a wholesaler, failed to maintain records, and alcoholic beverage tax was not paid. Mr. Bowers showed the board that they started a binder to keep track of all alcohol purchases. This was the first time the Loft 129 had a violation. The Board voted to fine Loft 129 \$500.00 with \$250.00 being suspended and one year probation. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve, Commissioner Laffey seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell. The confiscated alcohol was released to the ATC. The Loft 129 thanked the Board and State Inspector, Dave Marple.

Rodney McIntyre attended the meeting along with Mark Knippenberg. Mark Knippenberg was a personal representative for Drew Knippenberg. Drew Knippenberg will be purchasing the liquor

license currently owned by Rodney McIntyre, 2 MAC LLC. Mr. Knippenberg plans to surrender his current "B-D" license. The transfer paperwork will be started following the meeting.

The board reviewed the inspector violation sheets. The Inspector reported on 74 routine inspections between June 7, 2023 any June 20, 2023. The Board discussed that during the in-house posting they only received one application. The job advertisement ran in the Cumberland Times News on Saturday. The Board also discussed plans to have a retirement luncheon for Terry Carolan following the next meeting.

There was general discussion among the Board. Office Clerk, Brandy Gordon informed the Board that The Balcony will now be using the fourth floor of their establishment. They are moving pool tables there. Inspector, Tom Melvin, gave a summary of the wing-off event. He said everything was compliant. He also said that we may want to consider giving a few copies of the license because the alcohol was being served at several different locations on the premises of the event.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, July 7, 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