

CITY OF BRISTOL, TENNESSEE
MINUTES OF THE BEER BOARD MEETING
HELD AUGUST 9, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Craig Kistner – Chairman
Mr. Mike Ketron – Vice Chairman
Mr. Spike Tickle
Mr. Jason Walden

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Chief Blaine Wade
Capt. Glenn James
Ms. Robin Stedman

Call to Order – At approximately 5:00 pm on August 9, 2017, Mr. Kistner, Chairman of the Beer Board for the City of Bristol, Tennessee, called the meeting to order in the Conference Room of the Ewell L. Easley Municipal Bldg., located at 104 Eighth St., Bristol, Tennessee.

Review of Minutes – Board Members reviewed the minutes from the June 21, 2017 meeting, the minutes were approved as read.

NEW BUSINESS

Elderbrew, LLC, 24 6th St., Bristol, TN – Mr. Michael Peck, Co-Owner, appeared before the Board to request a Manufacturers Permit w/On and Off Premises sales endorsement. Capt. James advised he has not been able to conduct an inspection yet due to ongoing renovations. Mr. Kistner called for questions/comments from the public, there being none, he called for questions from Board Members. Mr. Tickle asked if this business will be similar to City Brew in Bristol, Virginia, with a restaurant, Mr. Peck related it will only be a Tap Room, and they will be working in conjunction with Little Italy Restaurant to provide food. He also advised they are a smaller operation with only three barrels compared to City Brew's ten. Mr. Kistner asked about the brewing process, Mr. Peck advised they use an open flame system. Mr. Kistner asked if there are apartments above the business, he related there is a loft not occupied right now, and apartments in the buildings on both sides. Mr. Tickle asked why they established the business in Tennessee versus Virginia, he related Tennessee does not have one right now. Mr. Kistner asked Mr. Peck if he's been in alcohol sales before, Mr. Peck said he has worked for breweries in North Carolina and Tennessee, with no violations noted while he was there. Mr. Tickle asked how many employees there will be, Mr. Peck advised they will have four. There being no further questions Mr. Kistner called for a Motion, Mr. Tickle made a Motion to approve the Permit, contingent upon a successful inspection, the Motion was seconded by Mr. Ketron. There being no further discussion Mr. Kistner called for a Vote, the Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The Last Lap, 2800 Highway 11E, Bristol, TN – Mr. George Rogers, Owner, and Mr. Brandon Rogers appeared before the Board to request renewal of a Temporary Off-Premises Permit. Capt. James advised they have not had any violations or problems in the past several years they have been in operation. Mr. Kistner called for questions/comments from the public, there being none he called for a Motion. Mr. Tickle made a Motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Ketron. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Martin’s KP Duty, 12 & 14 Bank St., Bristol, TN – Capt. James advised the Owner filed an Application for renewal of an existing Temporary Permit, he related there have been no problems or violations in the past. Mr. Tickle asked if they mainly use the Permit for races, Rhythm and Roots, Capt. James said they do. Mr. Kistner called for questions/comments from the public, there were none. There being no further questions from the Board he called for a Motion, Mr. Tickle made a Motion to approve the Permit, seconded by Mr. Ketron. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Birthplace of Country Music, 603 Shelby St, Bristol, TN – Ms. Leah Ross, Representative, filed an Application for renewal of an existing Temporary Permit. Capt. James advised this is the second year Birthplace of Country Music has requested a Permit to sell beer on the Tennessee side of town, and a site map is on file. Mr. Tickle asked if they will be selling only beer, Capt. James advised there will be food trucks near their location in a parking lot across from E. W. King Manufacturing, and a stage also close by. Mr. Kistner asked if any problems or violations were noted last year, Capt. James said no. Mr. Tickle asked if it will be a like beer garden or if it can now be taken out, Capt. James related it is required to be fenced off. Mr. Tickle asked when patrons will be able to walk over to the stage with their beer, Mr. Kistner advised that was something the City Council would have to address. He then called for questions/comments from the public, there were none. Mr. Tickle made a Motion to approve the Application, seconded by Mr. Ketron. There being no further discussion Mr. Kistner called for a vote, the Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The Pinnacle, 508 Pinnacle Pkwy., Bristol, TN – Ms. Heather Hill, representing The Pinnacle, appeared before the Board to request renewal of an existing Temporary Permit. Capt. James advised they have had a permit for two years, and a site plan is on file. Mr. Tickle asked if this for the craft brewery tasting, Ms. Hill advised they will be hosting a beer and barbeque in October, but are hosting a concert the end of September featuring a nationally recognized country music artist. They anticipate the concert will bring in several thousand patrons, and plan to have beer sales at that time. She advised that vendors selling beer will be asked to obtain their own permit also, which will make them more responsible when selling beer. Capt. James related that Johnny Brusco’s Restaurant also has a Beer Permit for the same address to sell beer at events. Mr. Tickle asked if they use wristbands for customers who can buy beer or check them at each sales point, she advised vendors have used a stamp provided by The Pinnacle, once a person was carded they were stamped, but

she prefers the customer be carded each time they made a purchase. Chief Wade suggested they be carded each time, past experience has shown the use of wristbands and stamps leaves too much room for error, which could result in the loss of the permit. Ms. Hill also related they contract to have police officers on site for crowd control. Chief Wade advised they do handle any problems that may come up, conduct compliance checks, deal with drunks, but are not there to represent any business, and they do not card customers for the vendors. Mr. Walden asked how many people they are anticipating, Ms. Hill related they can never tell, but past events have been very well attended and with a headlining band coming in they believe it will be a very large crowd. Mr. Kistner called for questions/comments from the public, there being none he called for a Motion. Mr. Ketron made a Motion to approve the Application, seconded by Mr. Walden. There being no further discussion Mr. Kistner called for a vote, the Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

A Matter of Taste 1, 2800 Hwy 11E, Bristol, TN – Mr. Justin Peters, Co-Owner, appeared before the Board to request renewal of an existing Temporary Permit, Capt. James advised this location is on the Rogers Garden property across from Bristol Motor Speedway North Gate. Mr. Tickle asked if they will be selling food, Mr. Peters related this particular site was set up specifically for the football game in September 2016, he is not sure if it will be set up again, but wants to keep the option open by renewing the permit. Capt. James advised it is more cost effective to keep the permit valid than apply for a new one. Mr. Tickle asked what they will be doing during the races, Mr. Peters said they will be operating their temporary sites in Earhart Campgrounds. Mr. Kistner noted that this address is the same as The Last Lap, he asked Capt. James if he has site plans on both and can distinguish between the two. Capt. James advised he does have site plans for both and can tell them apart. Mr. Tickle asked if it will be beer sales only if set up, Mr. Peters related it is a mobile bar brought in by truck, and is equipped with coolers and ice freezers. It will only be brought in by corporate sponsors if there is a big enough event, so he wants to maintain the site. Mr. Kistner called for questions/comments from the public, there were none. Mr. Kistner then called for discussion on Mr. Peters second renewal Application for Machiavelli's, Parking Lot A on 5th St, downtown Bristol, TN.

Machiavelli 's Expanded Area, Parking Lot A, 17 5th St., Bristol, TN – Capt. James advised Mr. Peters submitted a renewal Application for the parking lot across from their restaurant on 5th St., they have had this permit for several years. He related the site is fenced in and they put up a large tent, he has a diagram on file. Mr. Peters advised the site is near the stage erected on the east end of State St., and is covered by a 60' x 90' tent. Between the fencing he puts up and the festival puts up, and the loading area for entertainers located behind his tent, they are very well contained. Mr. Kistner asked if there were any problems or violations noted in the past at this location or the Rogers Garden location, Capt. James related there were none. Mr. Kistner called for questions/comments from the public, there were none. Mr. Ketron made a Motion to approve both Applications, seconded by Mr.

Walden. There being no further discussion Mr. Kistner called for a vote. The Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

PENDING BUSINESS

Capt. James requested the September 2017 meeting be scheduled one week early, he has one Application pending and the applicant would like to be open for Rhythm and Roots. He asked for a September 13, 2017 meeting. Mr. Kistner asked if this is for a temporary or permanent permit, and if there will be time to post required signs. Capt. James advised it will be for a restaurant, and there will be adequate time. Mr. Kistner scheduled the next meeting for September 13, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

Capt. James advised that the Sportsman's Pub case was presented to the Sullivan County Grand Jury on August 8, 2017, and the owner has an arraignment date of August 14, 2017. Mr. Tickle asked about the gentleman interested in purchasing the business, Capt. James advised he decided to not proceed.

There being no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned.