

DU PAGE COUNTY LIQUOR COMMISSION MEETING
March 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Dan Cronin Chairman of the DuPage County Liquor Commission. He thanked all of those present for their participation in this important dialogue regarding the County's Liquor Ordinance. He reported that it was his responsibility as Liquor Commissioner to approve liquor licenses to the 62 establishments located in unincorporated DuPage County. His goal was to review the existing liquor ordinance to ensure that it protects the public and conforms to State law, but that is also helps the small business owner to remain competitive. Many of the business owners have expressed concerns over various topics. Today's meeting will concentrate on two issues: Sunday sale hours and wine tastings.

The DuPage County Liquor Ordinance states that the sale of liquor begins at noon. Recently several municipalities have amended their starting time to begin earlier. This has created a problem for many of you. Some license holders have also requested that the classification of some licenses be amended to allow the sale of bottles of wine at a wine tasting.

Chairman Cronin asked if any of the business owners would like to address the Commission.

The following spoke in favor of earlier hours on Sundays due to the sporting events beginning at noon. Customers will tend to make purchases somewhere else before the noon kickoff:

Bill Patton - 7-Eleven Food Store, Downers Grove
Tom Shanahan - Shanahan's Pub, Carol Stream
Jim Panopoulos - Red Rooster Pantry, West Chicago
Mike McKay - Cantigny, Wheaton
John Dwyer - Rosie O'Reilly's, Wheaton

The following spoke in favor of earlier hours on Sundays due to early hours for brunch and outings:

Loris Fabbri - Abbington, Glen Ellyn
Jeffrey Cassell - Morton Arboretum, Lisle
John Badway - John & Tony's, West Chicago
Mike McKay - Cantigny, Wheaton
Mary Dickson - White Pines, Bensenville

Tom Shanahan also remarked that the adoption of video poker by some surrounding communities has put those businesses without it in a competitive disadvantage.

Chairman Cronin replied that video poker was voted down by the previous County Board. He urged the owners to talk to their County Board members since it may be difficult for them to change their vote.

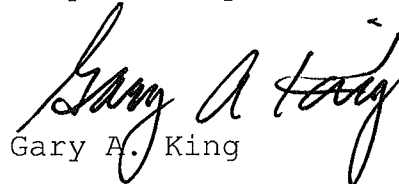
Chairman Cronin thanked the license holders for their comments. He believed the change of hours and sale of wine were worthwhile ideas and needed to keep a level business playing field.

He introduced the following County employees who gave a brief synopsis of their duties in the license renewal process: Paul Hinds, County Clerk's office; Jim Kruse, Sheriff's office; Kevin Dixon, Health Department and Jim Stran, Economic Development and Planning Department.

Owner Jim Panopoulos stated that he was a member of the Carol Stream Fire Protection District Board and that their District does a yearly inspection of all of the businesses. Since the County also makes an inspection, he felt that only one was necessary and the County may save time and money by using the Fire District's inspections. Mr. Stran stated that not all Fire Districts do inspections. Where they do, the County will look into avoiding any duplication which will save time and money.

Chairman Cronin thanked everyone in attendance. He reported that he hope to prepare a revised ordinance for review this spring. He pledged to keep the owners informed of the process if they wished to attend any County Board meetings.

Respectfully submitted,



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