

DuPage County Liquor Commissioner Meeting

March 19, 2014; 9:00am; Room 3-500B at 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL

In attendance: Dan Cronin, DuPage County Liquor Commissioner, Gary King, Secretary for the DuPage County Liquor Commissioner, Paul Hinds – DuPage County Clerk's office; Rick Veenstra – State's Attorney's Office; Jim Kruse – DuPage County Sheriff's Office; Jim Stran – Economic Development and Planning; Melvin Kim (County Board office); Karen Ayala – DuPage County Health Department; Kevin Dixon – DuPage County Health Department

In attendance (public): Mark Sullivan – Sully's Place; Paul A. Schirmer – Uncle Paulie's; Michael Machay – Cantigny; Irene Bahr – Attorney; Cindy Scardina – Green Valley Golf Range; Aldo Bottalla – Universal Gaming Group; John Badway – John & Tony's; Louis Fabbri – Abbington Banquets; John Dwyer – Rosie O'Reilly's; Kaldesh Parikh – Family Pantry; Jim Cardamone – Glen Oaks Country Club; Vito Orave – Area 51; Deepak Thakkar – Stop n Save

The meeting was called to order by Rick Veenstra, Assistant State's Attorney. He introduced DuPage County staff and asked them to brief the audience on the liquor license renewal process. Paul Hinds from the County Clerk's Office shared that renewal applications will be sent out on April 15 and should be returned by May 15. The renewed licenses will go into effect on July 1. Jim Kruse of the Sheriff's Office instructed that new employees must be fingerprinted when applying for a renewed liquor license. Fingerprinting services are available on Fridays from 8 to 9 a.m. and the cost is \$36. Kevin Dixon of DuPage County Health Department explained how they review liquor license applications. Jim Stran from the Economic Development and Planning Department reflected on the changes regarding fire inspection approvals.

DuPage County Liquor Commissioner, Dan Cronin thanked those in attendance and reflected on the progress made since the previous year's meeting. He summarized three major changes which resulted from the last meeting:

1. The liquor ordinance was changed so that license holders can begin selling alcohol on Sundays at 9 a.m. rather than 12 p.m.
2. The Class E-2 temporary license definition was changed so that establishments can host tasting events to serve their purposes effectively.
3. License holders may now request that the County's Economic Development and Planning Department rely on certifications from other government entities to avoid multiple inspections provided that the information given sufficiently addresses needs under the County's inspection.

The Liquor Commissioner opened the floor for public comment. The following liquor license holders spoke in favor of allowing video gaming in unincorporated DuPage County:

Mark Sullivan of Sully's Place;
John Badway of John and Tony's;
John Dwyer of Rosie O'Reilly's;
Cindy Scardina of Green Valley Golf Range;
Paul A. Schirmer of Uncle Paulie's;
Vito Orave of Area 51.

Also during public comment, Aldo Bottalla of Universal Gaming Group shared his experience as a distributor of video gaming.

Chairman Cronin thanked those in attendance for their suggestions. He announced the possibility of providing a forum for those interested in sharing their input on video gaming with the County Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary A. King