

**LIQUORY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Tuesday, May 20, 2008**  
**6:00 P.M. – City Council Chambers**  
**Rockford City Hall, 425 East State Street**

**Present:**

**LAB Members:** Alice Howard  
William Orr  
Scott Sanders  
Julio Salgado  
Craig Sockwell  
Dan Roszkowski

**Absent:** Alicia DiBenedetto

**Staff:** Todd Cagnoni – Manager of Current Planning  
Sandra Hawthorne – Administrative Assistant  
Jon Hollander - City Engineer, Public Works  
Kerry Partridge – City Attorney  
Jennifer Cacciapaglia – City Attorney, Liquor Commission  
Mark Marinaro – Fire Department

**Others:** Alderman Frank Beach (arrived 6:20 PM)  
Rob Lamb (arrived 6:20 PM)  
Kathy Berg, Stenographer  
Applicants and Interested Parties

The meeting started at 6:00 P.M. A **MOTION** was made by Dan Roszkowski to **APPROVE** the minutes of the April 15, 2008 meeting as submitted. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Julio Salgado and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6-0 with Alicia DiBenedetto absent.

<b>08-LAB-012</b> Applicant Ward 14	<b><u>6275 East State Street</u></b> James M. Schmidt / Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar Sale of alcohol by the drink in conjunction with a restaurant in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District
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The subject property is located 1,059 feet east of the Mulford Road and East State Street intersection and is surrounded by mostly commercial uses. James Finkle, representing the Applicant, present the request. He explained this establishment would be a sports theme restaurant. He estimates the food portion of the business to be approximately 75%, with the remaining 25% alcohol. Mr. Finkle stated all employees will be trained in the service of alcohol as a requirement of employment.

Attorney Cacciapaglia mentioned the submittal date for the security plan. Mr. Finkle did not know what the plans were, but will provide this information to the Legal Department prior to the due date. The Board did not have any questions.

Staff Recommendation was for Approval with 4 conditions. Mr. Cagnoni noted that condition 4 should be revised to include limitation of sale to the exterior site plan submitted as well as interior. No Objectors were present.

A **MOTION** was made by William Orr to **APPROVE** the sale of alcohol by the drink in the name of James M. Schmidt / Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar in conjunction with a restaurant indoors and outdoors in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 6275 East State Street. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Dan Roszkowski and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6-0.

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meet all applicable Building and Fire Codes
2. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes
3. Submittal of a Security plan for Staff review and approval
4. The sale of alcohol shall be limited to the interior and exterior site plan submitted

**08-LAB-013**

Applicant  
Ward 3

**1132, 1138 Auburn Street**

Elizabeth J. Giesen / The Rathskeller & Sausage Shop  
Sale of alcoholic liquor by the drink in conjunction with the outdoor dining area and beer garden in a C-2, Limited Commercial District

The subject property is the Rathskeller Restaurant located on the southeast corner of Auburn Street and Toner Avenue. Elizabeth Giesen, Applicant, was present. She is the owner of the restaurant and wishes to expand services with a beer garden. Mr. Cagnoni has received the revised site plan. Mr. Sanders inquired about the appearance of a raised deck and the Applicant explained the revised site plan indicates there will not be a raised deck in the beer garden. Parking will be shared with municipal parking lots in the area. Mr. Cagnoni stated staff felt parking would be adequate. He further explained the restaurant already has a license to sell alcohol indoors, but with the expansion to the beer garden additional licensing is required.

Attorney Cacciapaglia had no questions for the Applicant. Staff recommendation was for Approval with 3 conditions. Mr. Cagnoni explained since the requested information had been received from the Applicant, Condition 2) could be removed. No Objector were present.

A **MOTION** was made by Scott Sanders to **APPROVE** the sale of alcoholic liquor by the drink in the name of Elizabeth J. Giesen / The Rathskeller & Sausage Shop in conjunction with the outdoor dining area and beer garden in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at 1132, 1138 Auburn Street. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Dan Roszkowski and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6-0.

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The sale of alcoholic beverages shall be limited to the outdoor area as shown on Exhibit D.
2. Compliance with the Liquor Ordinance

**08-LAB-014**

Applicant  
Ward 11

**1019 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Timothy K. Sheehan / Sheehan's Pub & Grill  
Sale of alcohol by the drink in conjunction with a pub and grill in a C-4, Urban Mixed Use District

The subject property is located at the easterly tenant space of 1025 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and is currently vacant. Steven Spoul, Timothy Sheehan (Applicant) and Joseph P. McCarren were present. Mr. Spoul reviewed exhibits showing the surrounding property. It is the Applicant's intent to have a neighborhood-style facility with an Irish theme and serve sandwich fare with carry out and delivery. Carry out is limited to food only. Mr. Sheehan explained he has retired and has always been interested in establishing a pub of this nature. He originally indicated a desire to have an outside café as part of this venture; however discussions with Staff clarified there was not an area large enough to accommodate this idea. Hours of operation will be from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM to coincide with the sale of food. Mr. Spoul elaborated on the security plan. He explained there is a licensed security service, Suburban Petrol, located in the adjacent building and would be available to respond to service calls.

Attorney Cacciapaglia had no questions for the Applicant. Staff Recommendation was for Approval with 3 conditions. No Objectors were present.

A **MOTION** was made by Scott Sanders to **APPROVE** the sale of alcohol by the drink in the name of Timothy K. Sheehan / Sheehan's Pub & Grill, Inc. in conjunction with a pub and grill in a C-4, Urban Mixed Use District at 1019 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Dan Roszkowski and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6-0.

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable liquor codes.
2. The sale of liquor by the drink is in conjunction with a restaurant.
3. The sale of alcohol shall be restricted to the food service hours, which would be from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM.

**08-LAB-010**

Applicant  
Ward 4

**200 North Church Street**

Thomas Lester / Tommy Swilligan's Pub  
Sale of alcoholic liquor by the drink in conjunction with a sit down restaurant/tavern and sale of alcohol by the package in conjunction with a sit down restaurant/tavern in a C-4, Commercial Urban Mixed-Use District  
**Amended from April meeting**

The subject property is located on the northwest corner of North Church Street and Mulberry Road and is currently a restaurant/tavern. Thomas Lester, Applicant, reviewed his request. Mr. Lester came before the Liquor Advisory Board on April 15<sup>th</sup> of this year with a request for the sale of liquor by the drink, which was approved by the Board. The Applicant unintentionally did not include the request of package liquor sales, since he was not familiar with the licensing process. This application is to revise the original request to include the sale of 6 packs of beer only.

Neither Attorney Cacciapaglia nor the Board had any questions. Staff Recommendation was for Approval with 2 conditions. No Objectors were present.

A **MOTION** was made by Dan Roszkowski to **APPROVE** the sale of alcoholic liquor by the drink in the name of Thomas Lester / Tommy Swilligan's Pub in conjunction with a sit down restaurant/tavern, and sale of alcohol by the package in conjunction with a sit down restaurant/tavern in a C-4, Commercial Urban Mixed-Use District at 200 North Church Street. The Motion was **SECONDED** by William Orr and **CARRIED** by a vote of 6-0.

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with the Liquor Ordinance
2. Package liquor sales is limited to 6 packs of beer and no sales after 11:00 PM as indicated in the letter shown as Exhibit D.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Hawthorne  
Administrative Assistant  
Liquor Advisory Board