

**City of Northville
Liquor License Review Committee
January 19, 2016**

Call to Order

A meeting of the Liquor License Review Committee was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, City Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167.

It was noted that Mayor Pro Tem James Allen, Councilmember Marilyn Price, and Member John Buckland were present.

Also present were City Clerk Dianne Massa, Police Chief Michael Carlson, representatives from Northville Sports L.L.C.; representative from North Center Brewing, and two citizens.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Agenda

No changes to the agenda were made.

Approval of Minutes

Motion Buckland seconded by Price to approve the October 5, 2015 minutes as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

**Request to Transfer Class C and SDM Liquor License with Outdoor Service
Northville Sports L.L.C. d/b/a Northville Sports Den**

Northville Sports, L.L.C., d/b/a Northville Sports Den, located at 133 W. Main Street, Suite 102, owned by Maher Shihadeh and Gus Shukeireh, is requesting a transfer of ownership of the Class C and SDM Liquor License owned by BacMar, L.L.C. The current license has a P.M. Sunday Sales Permit, Dance-Entertainment Permit, Outdoor Service (1 area), Specific Purpose Permit (food), and three bars. The applicants are requesting to cancel the Specific Purpose Permit (food), and add A.M. Sunday Sales Permit, Catering Permit, Extended Hours permit (Dance-Entertainment), as well as add space to the location.

The applicants completed the Liquor License Review Committee Application. They intend to operate primarily as a full-service restaurant with a full-service kitchen offering a full-service

bar for 174 patrons. The premises will have sidewalk café service and outdoor seating service for approximately 60 patrons. They will offer patrons the opportunity to play video games and billiards during normal business hours. They will also provide live trivia from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., and karaoke from 9:00 p.m. until close. They will provide live entertainment with a DJ or band on Friday and/or Saturday from 9:00 p.m. until approximately 1:30 a.m. It is anticipated that the sales of food and sale of alcohol will be 55% and 45% respectively. The hours of operation will be Monday - Friday 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 a.m., Saturday 7:00 a.m.- 2:00 a.m., and Sunday 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.

For 30 years, Mr. Shihadeh has owned and operated a menswear and tailoring business in Farmington Hills. Mr. Shukeireh owns several different food franchises and for the past two years, Boomers Bar & Grill in Allen Park. There have been no MLCC violations at Boomers.

As part of the background investigation, it was discovered that the applicants, as part of adding space to the location, knocked out the north wall and absorbed the neighboring suite (#110). This was done without a Building Permit. This information was turned over to the Building Department for follow-up and the appropriate permits were applied for and issued.

It was noted that all fees and costs have been paid by the applicants. Staff does not find a reason to object to the transfer request.

Public hearing opened at 6:33 p.m.

In response to a question from the LLRC pertaining to trivia night, the applicant noted that trivia nights are not happening now; they would like the opportunity to conduct trivia nights in the future.

Being no further comments, the public hearing closed at 6:34 p.m.

Motion Buckland, seconded by Price to recommend that City Council take no action to object to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission approving the request to transfer a Class C and SDM License with Outdoor Service permit, add AM Sunday Sales, Catering Permit, Extended Hours permit (Dance-Entertainment), as well as add space to the location by Northville Sports, L.L.C. to be located at 133 W. Main Street, Suite #102. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Annual Report on Liquor Licenses - 2015

(As the representative for North Center Brewing had not yet arrived to the meeting, the LLRC moved to the Annual Report presentation)

In accordance with Section 5-65 of the Liquor Management Ordinance, the Police Department prepared its annual report pertaining to liquor license holders in the City of Northville. The detailed report was provided to the LLRC.

It was noted that all license holders noted in the report as "delinquent on utilities at the time of this report" have paid their utility bills and are current.

Change in Plan of Operation for the North Center Brewing Company

On October 6, 2014, City Council approved the request of North Center Brewing Company, owned by Kevin DeGroot, and located at 410 N. Center Street, to obtain a Micro-Brewery License. At that time, North Center Brewing Company's Plan of Operation indicated the following schedule:

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| Monday: | Closed |
| Tuesday: | Closed |
| Wednesday: | 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. |
| Thursday: | 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. |
| Friday: | 5:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. |
| Saturday: | 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. |
| Sunday: | 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. |

DeGroot revised the Plan of Operation, to add Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. as a new business day. A review of the history of the business and DeGroot found no negative contacts since being open for business in October 2014. It was noted that all fees and costs have been paid by the applicants. Staff can find no reason to object to the addition of Tuesday hours to North Center Brewing Company's Plan of Operation.

Public hearing opened at 6:43 p.m.

Joanne Bandoni-Meinhardt, 483 Grace, spoke in support of the request. She noted that the neighborhood has not experienced any parking or traffic issues related to the micro-brewery. Bandoni-Meinhardt urged the LLRC to consider not granting any future liquor license requests for the area north of the micro-brewery as this area has many small children.

Scott Marcus, representing Dwayne White, owner of 410 N. Center Street (landlord), noted that Mr. White supports the revised Plan of Operation.

Being no further comment, the public hearing closed at 6:45 p.m.

Motion Price, seconded by Buckland to recommend that City Council take no action to object to the North Center Brewing Company's request to add Tuesday's from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. to its Plan of Operation. **Motion carried unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Massa
City Clerk

Approved as submitted: 6/6/2016