



Blount County Government

359 Court Street
Maryville, TN 37804-5906

Meeting Minutes

Beer Board

Commissioner Robbie Bennett - Vice Chair

Commissioner Richard Carver

Commissioner Ron French

Commissioner Tom Hood

Commissioner Scott King

Commissioner Staci Lawhorn

Commissioner Joe McCulley

Commissioner Steve Mikels - Chair

Commissioner Dawn Reagan

Thursday, March 21, 2019

6:00 PM

Blount County Courthouse, Room 430

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a meeting of the Blount County Beer Board was held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. Beer Board Chairman Steve Mikels called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 8 present and 1 absent, with the late arrival of Commissioner Robbie Bennett. Chairman Mikels declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

Present 8 - Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Richard Carver, Chairperson Ron French, Commissioner Tom Hood, Vice Chair Staci Lawhorn, Commissioner Joe McCulley, Commissioner Steve Mikels, and Commissioner Dawn Reagan

Absent 1 - Commissioner Scott King

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Lawhorn, to set the agenda. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Carver, Chairperson French, Commissioner Hood, Vice Chair Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Reagan

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bennett, and Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. [Minutes of Beer Board Meeting March 12, 2019.](#)

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes2019-Mar12](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner McCulley, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the minutes be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Carver, Chairperson French, Commissioner Hood, Vice Chair Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Reagan

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON ITEMS ON AGENDA.

D. NEW BUSINESS.

1. [Public Hearing Regarding a Request for an On Premises Beer Permit Application of Blackberry Farm, LLC for Blackberry Mountain, 121 Mountain Lodge Rd., Walland, TN 37886.](#)

Attachments: [Public Notice of Beer Board Public Hearing](#)
[Notice of Blackberry Mountain On Premises Permit](#)
[Application for Blackberry Mountain On Premises Beer Permit](#)

Upon reviewing the duties of the Beer Board with the members, Board Attorney Craig Garrett administered the oath to Mr. Nick Dibartolomeo. Mr. Dibartolomeo testified that the answers and information that he was providing to the Board to be true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief; that he had applied on behalf of Blackberry Farm, LLC, d.b.a. Blackberry Mountain, a restaurant, for an on premises beer permit at 121 Mountain Lodge Road, Walland, TN 37886. Mr. Dibartolomeo testified that, the area is actually East Millers Cove Road, not west; and pursuant to the survey provided with the application that it meets the distance requirements for a beer permit (the closest church or public gathering place being 9,800 feet, the closest school being 3 miles, and the closest resident being 2,900 feet). Mr. Garrett asked if any member of the Beer Board had any questions or comment. There was none. Mr. Garrett asked if there was any public comment. There was none. Mr. Garrett advised the Board that the applicant meets the criteria as set forth by the statute and the public hearing closed. A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the beer permit be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Carver, Chairperson French, Commissioner Hood, Vice Chair Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Reagan

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

2. [Public Hearing Regarding a Request for an On Premises Beer Permit Application of Marblegate Farm Enterprises, DBA Marblegate Farm, 308 McReynolds Rd., Friendsville, TN 37737.](#)

Attachments: [Public Notice of Beer Board Public Hearing](#)
[Notice of Marblegate On Premises Beer Permit](#)
[Application for Marblegate Farm On Premises Beer Permit](#)

Board Attorney Craig Garrett administered the oath to Mr. Courtland Cobble. Mr. Cobble testified that the answers and information that he was providing to the Board to be true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief; that he had applied on behalf of Marblegate Farm Enterprises, LLC, d.b.a. Marblegate Farm, an event venue, for an on premises beer permit at 308 McReynolds Road, Friendsville, TN 37737. Mr. Cobble testified that, the place of business is just outside the city limits and is in Blount County; and pursuant to the statistics provided with the application that it meets the distance requirements for a beer permit (the closest church or public gathering place being 7,332 feet, the closest school being 7,899 feet, and the closest resident being 2,014 feet). Mr. Garrett asked if any member of the Beer Board had any questions or comment. There was none. Mr. Garrett asked if there was any public comment. There was none. Mr. Garrett advised the Board that the applicant meets the criteria as set forth by the statute and the public hearing closed. A motion was made by Commissioner Lawhorn, seconded by Commissioner French, that the beer permit be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Carver, Chairperson French, Commissioner Hood, Vice Chair Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Reagan

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

3. [Public Hearing Regarding a Request for an Off Premises Beer Permit Application of Morganton Properties LLC for Ian's Market #57, 1620 Morganton Rd., Maryville, TN 37801.](#)

Attachments: [Public Notice of Beer Board Public Hearing](#)
[Notice of Ian Market 57 Off Premises Permit](#)
[Application for Ian Market 57 Off Premises Beer Permit](#)

Board Attorney Craig Garrett administered the oath to Mr. Paresh Soni, the manager of the location. Mr. Soni testified that the answers and information that he was providing to the Board to be true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief; that the application that was filed on behalf of Morganton Properties, LLC, for Ian's Market #57, a convenience store, is for an off premises beer permit at 1620 Morganton Road, Maryville, TN 37801. Mr. Soni testified that the statistics provided with the application to be true and correct that the closest church or public gathering place being 1,018 feet, the closest school being 6,700 feet, however, the nearest resident is 212 feet, and a funeral home that could be considered a place of public gathering is 270 feet. Mr. Garrett stated that although the distance to nearest resident is under the 300 feet requirement, there is an existing permit holder at that location, and therefore, according to state law is deemed grandfathered in as relates to distance requirements. Mr. Garrett asked if any member of the Beer Board had any questions or comment. There was none. Mr. Garrett asked if there was any public comment. There was none. Mr. Garrett advised the Board that the applicant meets the criteria as set forth by the statute and is considered to be grandfathered in and the public hearing closed. A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Carver, that the beer permit be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Carver, Chairperson French, Commissioner Hood, Vice Chair Lawhorn, Commissioner McCulley, Commissioner Mikels, and Commissioner Reagan

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner King

Abstain: 0

E. ADJOURNMENT.

The Chairman declared the Beer Board meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2019.