

PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
175 OAK GROVE ROAD, PINE GROVE, PA 17963
JUNE 11, 2008 - PUBLIC HEARING

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Inter-Municipal Liquor License Transfer

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Larry Zimmerman called the June 11, 2008 public hearing to order at 7 PM. Attending were Supervisors Allen Aungst, Judith Lehman and Jerry Wise. Also present were Township Solicitor Gino DiNicola, Sect. / Treas. Kathy Ferguson, David Frew, Terry Ritzman, Jim Daubert, Bernie Kulkaski and other residents; list on file.

Zimmerman noted the hearing was advertised and Pine Grove Township Solicitor Gino DiNicola stated the purpose of the hearing is for the supervisors to receive public comment on a proposed inter-municipal liquor license transfer. Pine Grove Sports and Entertainment Inc. is applying to purchase a liquor license and transfer it from the Borough of Mahanoy City to Pine Grove Township. DiNicola said the hearing was advertised by the applicant's counsel, Friedberg & Jones, and the proof of publication will be submitted by them for the record. DiNicola noted the public hearing was being digitally recorded and requested the recording be retained until the matter is disposed of by the PLCB.

Mr. Frew (Pine Grove Sports & Ent.) said he is in the process of buying the bowling alley at 87 Tremont Road in Pine Grove and the sale is contingent upon the successful transfer of the liquor license. Frew confirmed the advertisement was published for three days in the Pottsville paper. Frew noted the business previously had a liquor license since 1967 until it was foreclosed on and he is somewhat pressed for time as he would like to open it by September.

DiNicola said procedurally speaking the board has 45 days to grant or deny the application and the request was made through his office with only six days notice to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Terry Ritzman, 371 Suedberg Road, said there had been problems before with teenage drinking, fighting and drug arrests at the location. Frew said that is not the kind of operation he runs and he would not expect that behavior to exist.
- Jim Daubert, 18 Tremont Road, said he has done business with Frew for several years and they run a very clean operation with no citations that he knows of, he supports the transfer.
- Bernie Kulkaski, 347 Old Forge Road, asked how many jobs the business would create. Frew said about twenty five.

Zimmerman said the Board of Supervisors was not aware of the hearing until Friday and feels they should continue the hearing next month.

Lehman asked if any construction had been done and Frew said only to secure the premises.

After discussion, Zimmerman moved to schedule a continuation of the hearing on June 25, 2008 at 7 PM. Aungst seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 4 to 0.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 7:20 PM the public hearing was adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Ferguson, Secretary / Treasurer
Approved by the Board of Supervisors 7/09/08.**