

SPECIAL LIQUOR COMMITTEE MINUTES  
JULY 2, 2019  
4:30 PM

PRESENT: Lisa Hills – Chairman, Cathy Scaife – Vice Chairman, Abe Forsyth, Tom Fraase, Linda Fulgenzi, Craig Hall, Brad Miller, Vera Small, Sam Snell, Mike Sullivan & Joel Tjelmeland

NOT PRESENT: none

OTHERS: Trustin Harrison, John O'Neill, Dwayne Gab, Dan Mosher, Chief Williams & Lt. Mayfield & Mary Carter (Secretary)

A quorum was present. Chairman Hills called the special meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

The liquor committee met to discuss the recent issues with The Cove. Dwayne explained the process to the committee. The committee talked with the Chief & Lieutenant about the issues. Gab said to have a hearing, we must have all the evidence and his office needs to work with the Sheriff's office to get all of this together. He needs to have a year analysis of all issues with the Cove. (Are they overserving? Are they too crowded? Are they highly intoxicated before or in the bar?) Lt. Mayfield says the video till be the best and we need to subpoena to get that footage from The Cove. Lt. Mayfield says a lot of issues keep happening in the parking lot with fights & tempers flaring. Early Sunday morning (6/23) there were shots fired in the parking lot. He believes there is a group from Decatur coming over after their 1am bars close. He says the 3am bars get packed when the 1am bars close. Right now, Sangamon County has 4- 3am licensed bars right now. Gab says there isn't enough evidence at this time to revoke their license. Gab says that he expects to file an official complaint. Due process requires a full examination of the facts at a hearing. Scaife asked what the maximum fine is. It's \$1,000.

The consensus of the committee is to bring the Cove in and have a liquor hearing. Our options are to fine them or suspend their license but it's up to the Illinois Liquor Commission if it's to be revoked. Dwayne is gone the week of the 15<sup>th</sup> and then John will be gone the week after that so we are trying to figure out when the hearing could be held. Gab will get back with Lisa & Trustin. Gab suggests that the liquor hearing be held after the next liquor committee meeting and if that can't happen, possibly the next month in August.

There was no public comment.

***Scaife made a motion to adjourn & Tjelmeland seconded. Motion carried (11-0)***

Meeting adjourned at 5:17pm.