

August 10, 2017

A special meeting of the Ligonier Borough Council was held Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall for the purpose of a Conditional Use Hearing for Kim McLaughlin. James McDonnell presided over the meeting.

Members Present: James McDonnell, Gus Breegle, Chick Cicconi, Matt Smith, Pat Scanlon and Terry Murphy. Absent was Judy Hoffer.

Others Present: Secretary-Treasurer Paul Fry, Mayor Ormond "Butch" Bellas, Solicitor George Welty, and Zoning Officer Rick Schwab.

- 1.) Kim McLaughlin of 3799 Blackburn Road, Sewickley, PA 15143 to occupy vacant space in the building located at 618 West Main Street; Tax Map #16-01-11-0-016 in Ligonier Borough for use as a Beverage Distributor for retail bottle sales and tastings of spirits in the C2 District.

Solicitor Welty had those testifying sworn in with Court Reporter Bonnie Bell. Solicitor Welty explained the size of the building is 750 sq. feet and it is a corner lot. The description in application is a satellite location of the distillery tasting and bottle sales. The building is a single floor building and will be commercial use. There will be a sign proposed. Only existing parking will be used.

Kim McLaughlin explained that he has a distillery in Sewickley PA where he makes distilled spirits, bourbon, vodka, whiskey, and flavored moonshine. McLaughlin has a limited distillery license and with this license from PA liquor control board he is permitted to have 5 satellite locations and his proposal is this location mentioned for bottle sales and tastings up to 1 ½ ounces. McLaughlin stated that the state has come and done their preliminary inspection. He is now waiting for Harrisburg to get back. No manufacturing or bottling would be done at the Ligonier location, just bottle sales.

McLaughlin stated that the distillery hours would be played by ear and may only be open 4 days a week. McLaughlin will be looking for a part-time manager.

Secretary-Treasurer Paul Fry confirmed that the application has been properly advertised and Chick Cicconi noted that Planning Commission has recommended to approve the application.

MOTION

A motion was made by Pat Scanlon and seconded by Chick Cicconi to approve this request.

The motion above concluded the special meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A Fry
Secretary-Treasurer
Office Manager