

**LIQUOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**January 19, 2016**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Ron Loy, Herman Fogal, Hank Gamel and Jimmy Taylor

**Members Absent:** Wayne Mathis

**Others Present:** Charles Smith, Kelli Wahl, Denny Long, Jim Cheek, Dave Hinton and George Papametro

Ron Loy opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Public Participation

Public participation was deferred until the discussion of the agenda item too allow comments from the public after hearing the request.

Minutes

Herman Fogal moved/Jimmy Taylor seconded the approval of the October 28, 2014 minutes as presented. Motion approved, all voting "aye".

Request from Chamber of Commerce

Kelli Wahl, Chamber Director addressed the committee. She is working on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events and the October Fest and stated that the current Liquor Code restricts the sale of alcohol at these events unlike surrounding communities. Some of her concerns are:

- Chamber is required to get a license rather than the individual vendors at an event
- Wabash Park is zoned residential which prevents any alcohol at any time
- Web site does not list temporary licenses and requirements
- Cost of licenses is not listed on web site
- Temporary licenses are restricted to Rantoul establishments that already hold a certain classification of license
- Number of temporary licenses a vendor can have per year is limited
- No licenses available for something like a micro-brewery

Ms. Wahl stated she is trying to expand the two events and plan other events that would bring in a large number of people. These would be family events such as the Gifford Freedom Celebration that would also sell alcohol.

Most of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events are being held in Wabash Park this year and she would like to include a beer tent. Perhaps having one of the Veteran's Club work the tent to make money for their club. She would like to expand the Fall Fest to have a band at the intersection of Sangamon and Tanner and allow for a beer tent close to that area.

Denny Long addressed the committee. He would like to see some of the restrictions removed to allow for events such as Ms. Wahl suggested. He looks at this as an Economic Development tool the Village can offer to bring more events to Rantoul.

The members of the Committee were given copies of the Liquor Ordinances for several of the municipalities that Ms. Wahl had contacted in her inquiries. Chairman Loy asked the members to review this ordinances and be prepared to discuss this matter at the next meeting which was set for Thursday, February 23 at 4:30 pm.

The Village attorney will be invited that the meeting along with the new Police Chief, Erman Blevins.

Jimmy Taylor moved/Herman Fogal seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Submitted by,

Janet E. Gray, MMC